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Polly Toynbee on social utopia

Minister backs use of the cane

and Tories learn painful truth: This hurts us more than it hurts you

and Colin Brown

The Prime Minister yesterday combined with the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Shephard, to deliver the latest in a series of self-inflicted

Shephard endorsing a suggestion that caning might be reintroduced in schools, John Major ordered officials to issue a humiliating repudiation.

The instant u-turn adds to the disarray that has marked all

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summer break earlier this

Taunting Mr Major on his accident-prone record, Labour MP Jane Kennedy congratulated him on the action he had taken against Mrs Shephard, welcoming "the smack of firm

But it was the Labour leader, Tony Blair, who chronicled the full litary of u-turns.

"In fewer than seven days since Parliament came back," he said, "the Government has been

of the Education Secretary popping up on the Today promme, saying she will bring back corporal punishment in schools, only to be reprimandby the Prime Minister ...

"Are these not the symplost the capacity to govern, and whose duft and weakness is damaging Britain?"

a run of issues, Government pol-

sion and volatility. On the promised gun law, the Prime Minister and other ministers insisted throughout the summer that the Cullen Report ed and contradicted in minutes on the Dunblane massacre would be implemented.

Before the report was pubtoms of a Government that has lished earlier this month, however, Mr Major decided to respond to public concern by going much further than Lord Mr Major denied any hint of Cullen - banning all bar .22 pis-

tols, which will have to held securely in gun clubs.

sudden-turns; on stalking and the paedophile register. legislation on stalking was difficult, the Government decided to legislate using the Private

Members' Bill process. Then, in the middle of his the reiterated promise of Op-

ment legislation. Delivering a double wham-

same for the register of sex ofbackbench legislation, he

through Parliament under Home Office sponsorship. A similar chop-and-change pattern of Government conduct applies to combat knives.

speech on the pre-election leg-islative programme last croffers of Opposition co-op-Wednesday, Mr Major seized on cration, to build on stalking and the paedophile register, Mr position co-operation, agreeing Blair on Thursday suggested co-to turn it into official Govern-operation to ban combat knives

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grounds that a definition was unworkable". The Home

would be left to the vagaries of . Michael Howard, told the Commons on Monday that senior police officers bad agreed with him that a definition was impossible. Then, Home Office sources revealed that they were working on plans to ban the 'promotion" of combat knives.

The ever-present problem of BSE, already the subject of repeated policy change, cropped up again on Monday. In a formal response to a Commons Agriculture Com-

Douglas Hogg said the Gov-ernmen: was "not proceeding with the selective cull" - involving the slaughter of up to a further 125,000 cattle. He added, however, that he

would "consider the matter But Roger Freeman, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Cabinet Minister in charge of cull management, also said on Monday: "We intend to implement a selective cull programme, once we are in a position to do so."

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Post staff strike early for Christmas

Labour Editor

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Leaders of 138,000 postal workers are today expected to announce a vote for fresh industrial action which could seriously discupt Christmas mail. Three-quarters of the postal workers - similar to the propartion which voted in the first allot - are believed to have giv-

ers' Union (CWU) a decisive new mandate for action. Management and the union have already started informal negotiations behind the scenes

QUICKLY

fiction was won last night by Graham Swift, whose novel East Orders received a 3-2 maswift, 47, was the bookmakers' todds on favourite. It was his fifth

Crisis in Zaire deepens

The crisis in central Africa es-

related dramatically as Rwan-fan and Zairean troops

exchanged gunfire and mortar

founds across the river which

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Swift wins Booker The £20,000 Booker Prize for

en the Communication Work-

in anticipation of a Yes vote. The talks are likely be put on

an official footing later this prospect of a three-month sus-week. The union will then have pension of the Royal Mail's letto stage its first stoppage within 28 days, meaning that walkouts could coincide with the

Christmas rush. ... Both senior managers and Alan Johnson, joint general secretary of the CWU, said yesterday that exploratory discussions had shown there was a basis for negotiation. "The important thing for our members, the business and the public is that the service suffers the minimum amount of disruption while the Royal Mail and ourselves settle our differences," Mr

Johnson said.

pension of the Royal Mail's letters monopoly and comes in the wake of eight stoppages by delivery and sorting office workers which cost an estimated £40m. Ministers lifted the monopoly for a month during the

more walkouts would result in a longer suspension. It also comes at a politically sensitive time for the Labour

summer, but baye warned that

Party with just seven months to go before the general election. Moderate sources in the union, who are unhappy about the prospect of further action, say they are convinced their

disruption. "They would vote working. However, the extra against the Royal Mail on any money is expected to come issue at the moment," one official said. Members of the CWU at the Post Office also bave a long history of backing their leadership, which has urged them to vote yes.

A Mori poll of postal workers, partly commissioned by union, discovered overwhelming support for a re-bal-lot to reinvigorate the campaign of industrial action.

Senior managers, who also expect a mandate for fresh stoppages, are prepared to offer more money in return for the efficiency measures which inmembers have voted for more clude the introduction of team-

money is expected to come from cash already earmarked for the annual wage rise which was due in pay packets from the beginning of this month.

The offer presently on the table gives postal workers a 15 per cent increase in basic pay, from £183.10 to £211, but the impact on total earnings varies widely. Some senior employees who rely heavily on weekend working could see their pensionable pay decrease.

If industrial action goes

ahead, management is expected to the deduction of CWU subscriptions from pay packets on behalf of the union.

More important for union members are management warnings of redundancies if the monopoly is lifted. As a "worse al Mail paper predicts that 30,000 employees could be forced on to the dole over the next five years if private com-

petitors become established. Ministers have indicated that they could come under pressure to allow private operators to contimue their letter delivery services indefinitely once the monopoly was suspended. The Royal Mail document argues that competi-tors may invoke European competition legislation in order to continue their operations.



per cent of mis-selling cases. The secret PIA report comes

as the annual report by its consumer panel yesterday said progress of the pension review has been "painfully slow". "We have warned of the im-

plications for future consumer confidence," the consumer report said. Distrust will discourage people from making provision for the future at a time when doing so has never been more important."

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Palestinian death A boy of 11 was buried near Buthlehem. His family said he was killed by a Jewish settler with a kick as he came home

two countries.

Page 10 from school. Age less of a problem Assumptions about a "ticking ing twinb over the growing cost preare for elderly people has been polocied by the linest Government

Prudence fails to talk on mis-sold pensions

Nic Cicutti

Hundreds of thousands of people who were mis-sold a personal pension have still not been offered any compensation for their losses, almost a year after a deadline was set for insurance companies to deal with the scandal.

forms the border between the Page 11 Miners, nurses and teachers are among those still waiting forcompanies that wrongly advised them to leave their occupational pension schemes to deal with

their claims. Confidential documents obmined by The Independent show that 26 companies, including many household names, made up almost three-quarters of the 563,000 "priority cases" still under review.

The 26 companies, which in- ures, a new deadline might

clude the Prudential, have iden-tified more than 360,000 priority cases where the advice is thought to have been highly damaging or where a person is either close to retirement or dead. Redress has been offered to only 500 people.

The documents were compiled by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the watchdog in charge of the compensation process, for its board meeting earlier this month. The information was deemed so sensitive that board members were told to

return their copies afterwards. The board also discussed a separate report by its chief executive, Colette Bowe, in which she raised the possibility of setung new deadlines. But she warned that given past fail-

simply "provoke cynicism and downright disbelief". Publication of this information could be highly damaging to the PIA, which has staked its

reputation on being able to deal swiftly with the problem. It originally set a deadline of December 1995 for urgent cases to be dealt with. . According to the PIA's report, the worst offender is the Pru, which has offered compensation

than 41,000 priority cases. The Co-operative Insurance Society, Pearl Assurance, TSB and Legal & General are also in the top five. Those companies salesmen were accused by miners' leaders of scouring pit villages to persuade mineworkers to pull out of superior occupa-

to only 10 people, despite filing returns showing it has more

has 41,000 priority cases

tional schemes in the late-1980s. By contrast, independent financial advisers, who have sold more than 40 per cent of personal pensions, contribute 15

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Canes stripe the flesh of education policy

Clear Blue Water Muddied, Part Two. With the thugs locked up for life or longer, their weapons de choix banned and all parties marching discordantly and incoherently behind the banner of social cohesion, it was time to turn Parliament's fehrile attention to that other great source of criminal behaviour and delinquency:

But, just as knives had out up the Government's finely planned crime strategy on Monday, so canes put stripes on the delicate flesh of its education policy yesterday. At hreakfast time the Secretary of State for Education. Gillian Shephard, had appeared to back the return of the cane, but by the time have thus been spared a very of the cane, but by the time have thus been spared a very of the cane, but by the time



DAVID AARONOVITCH

lunch was on the table she had received an admonitory correction from John Major, His chosen instrument was a mobile phone and his message was

clear: no whacking. Given the way things are going down at Westminster, we

would it have been before Labour rediscovered the birch? Or the SNP the tawse? Or John Redwood (citing the glo-ries won by our Navy in the 19th century) the cat o'nine tails? Knives would have been banned, except for use upon our own children by an authorised member of the NASUWI. (To be fair, let me make it clear that I would not want to do the joh of members of that union. And

nor, apparently, do they). But by the time everybody got together for Prime Minister's Questions, Mrs Shephard's onthe-hoof policy-making had already fallen at the first jump, and all in the chamber were

battering. Had the Tories en-dorsed the cane, how long there were three camps: those woman at a hospice association who had experienced caning. and didn't like it (Labour), those who had experienced it and did like it (Tory) and those who had never experienced it (women MPs and Liberal Democrats), some of whom liked it on others' behalves.

Several Conservatives, like Tony Marlow, made clear their disappointment at the turn that events had taken. He told Mrs Shephard later (during the education part of the dehate on the Queen's Speech) that he would be bringing an amend-ment to ber Education Bill; authorising the return of corporal.

Mrs Shephard-speaking, as

AGM-refused to say whether or not she would vote for such a measure, hut "my personal view is that corporal punishment can be a useful deterrent". At which a little sigh of pleasure rippled along the Tory benches, as inner images of La Belle Gill Sans Mercie, of lowered trousers and hot buttocks, of things that never did them any harm, passed from member to member. All taken away (as

"takes a different view". Never mind, because there were still exclusions and detentions to come. At the weekend Niget de Gruchy of the

usual) by killjoy Major, who, according to Mrs Shephard,

estimated that 150,000 pupils needed to be excluded from school. And Mrs Shephard's Bill will make it that much easier to exclude them. But, as I sat in the gallery, I couldn't help wondering where all these excludees were going to go. They won't be able to gather outside the old knife shop, as in times of yore, or go down to the shooting range. A spot of burglary is

likely to lead to a life sentence. Then the answer hit me; they must all get married. What could be a more positive way of transmitting family values to the very young, than to insist on their betrothal? Trump that,

significant shorts

Trial witness buy-ups to be hanned

Media buy-ups of witnesses ahead of high-profile trials should be banned, the Government said yesterday.

The proposal follows what Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, called widespread and flagrant" breaches of the Press Complaints Commission's voluntary code of practice in the Rosemary West Gloncester murders case, But a consultation paper left open whether the ban, on ayments in cash or kind. should take the form of a specific criminal offence or a

contempt of court. While chequebook journalism has a lengthy history, the Government has suggested for the first time that editors flouting new legislation should face iail terms of up to two years.

Patricia Wynn Davies

Sentencing under attack

The calculation of the length of prison terms came under fresh attack in the High Court yesterday from two

inmates serving concurrent sentences.
Michele Evans, 22, serving two years for burglary, robbery and assault, claims 135 days she spent on remand should be deducted from her sentence instead of the 73 calculated by the Prison Service: Paul Reid, 19,

is claiming credit for some

335 days. the current practice of taking account only of the shortest of two or more remand periods instead of the total number of days spent on remand was unlawful. Patricia Wynn Davies

Drug hope for arthritis relief

New treatments for arthritis are possible after scientists dentified a naturally occurring protein which can aflammation leading to the destruction of bones and

would reduce the damage to oints. An estimated half a nillion people suffer from theumatoid arthritis in Britain: the majority are women over 30. Many sufferers rely on full-time care. Liz Hunt

Radio 1 plans visuals

Radio 1 on television is one of BBC TV's working ideas for new channels disclosed esterday. The BBC wants to offer its own version of MTV when it launches its first British subscription channels on cable and satellite. The

following the announcement of the BBC's negotiations with the cable company Flextech to launch subscription channels in this country as a joint venture. Other proposed channels, some of which should be available next summer, include Showcase, for classic drama and comedy; Arena, for music, theatre and arts; Sports Entertainment Network - and BBC Catch

Costs soar on Tube link

Up TV, offering repeats.

Construction costs for London's Jubilee line extension to the east of the capital and upgrading of the existing underground route have risen from £2.1bn to 22.6bn over the last three ears, Transport minister John Bowis indicated last night in a Commons written

Dissolving social glue lets in crime

The rise in crime and "nogo" neighbourhoods is linked to a collapse in major institutions which encourage social cohesion and civil responsibility, according to a new study published by the Foundation for Civil Society. an independent research organisation.

Churches, trade unions and political parties have all suffered a dramatic fall in numbers over the last century - membership of the Church of England has fallen by 40 per cent since the Thirties and that of the Catholic Church by one-quarter in the past 25 years. Informal dayto-day social relationships such as good neighbourliness is also in decline, the report

Barry Knight, secretary to the foundation, said: "People's lack of civic involvement has gone handin-hand with a growing sense of their own powerlessness. Susan Emmett

Miners begin health claims

What could become the higgest health compensation claim was launched yesterday by six former miners and two widows, selected from a large group of potential claimants. who allege that British Coal wrongly denied colliers payments for a range of chest illnesses linked to exposure to coal dust.

The ex-miners are to give Lawyers told the court that evidence of their illnesses in hearings at Cardiff and Sheffield hefore the case transfers to London after Christmas, Stuart Brown QC said if British Coal had been able to compensate for the lung disease pneumoconiosis, then it should also he liable for other conditions such as bronchitis and emphysemia. Patricia Wynn Davies

Children's homes tribunal

The use of eight former police officers by the North Wales Abuse Tribunal to interview witnesses and collect-evidence prior to London say drugs that mimic the action of the protein by victims of abuse who say by victims of abuse who say a number of officers have been named as alleged abusers over the years. They maintain that while the former police officers have no connection with the case, they will be viewed with suspicion.

The tribunal, the higgest of its kind and chaired by Sir Ronald Waterhouse, says the former officers have been carefully vetted and have no previous connection with the investigation into the abuse of children at home across North Walcs. Roger Dobson

No appeal on liver baby

corporation says One-IV win hring the "spirit and essence" of Radio 1's "cutting-edge music policy" on to the small screen with videos, interviews allow her 18-month old son to die rather than undergo to die rather than undergo to die rather than undergo upholding a mother's right to life-saving liver surgery, a spokesman for the Official Solicitor, who represents the child's interests, confirmed

yesterday.

Last week, three judges overturned an order on the mother to bring her son back to Britain for treatment, ruling that decisions affecting the life of children lie with "devoted parents" to whom their care is "entrusted by nature".

Nurses change uniforms

Staff at a Warwickshire hospital are being trained as special constables to patrol corridors and wards in police uniform. A porter and receptionist have already started their beat at the Hospital of St Cross in: Rugby. Another two, a porter and nurse, are undergoing 28 days training and begin patrolling next weekend. The special constables have the power of arrest.

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Bungle lets bank fraudster go free

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

Britain's biggest banking fraud is set to walk free from Brixton jail today after the Home Office hungled his extradition to the United States on corruption

In the latest court humiliation for Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, the High Court ruled yesterday that Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, had spent too long awaiting extradition since his arrest in September last year. The time has come to say enough is enough. He is discharged from custody forthwith." Lord Justice Rose, sitting with Mr Justice Maurice Kay. said. Akhar has served an 18month sentence for conspiring . to launder drug money and was given six years on 16 counts of false accounting for his part in the collapse of the Bank of

ternational. The US authorities have until 10.30 today to decide

whether to seck to appeal. Under extradition rules a person under detention can apply to the High Court after two months for release, which must he granted unless the UK authorities could show "sufficient cause to the contrary". Lord Justice Rose said he was Home Office had shown suffi-

After his arrest it was "encumbent upon the Home Office to take sufficient steps to extradite him", but for half that time it did nothing. The judge said he recognised the seriousness of the allegations Akbar, 50, faced in the US, including hlackmail, but that was only more reason to get oo with the

The court rebuff has the embarrassing consequence that the US may now have to wait years for a new application to be completed before Akhar can be brought to justice in America, It is the latest in a string of adverse legal judgments against the Home Secretary across a range of iromigration and law and order

.The problem began when Akhar was released on parole in 1991 during his 18-month drug-trofficking sentence and fled to France, which later ex-

the BCCI charges. The US wanted him extradited to face a charge that he had accepted a \$15m (£9.3m) hribe from BCCI "as his price for not disclosing to a US senator details of corruption". But the French authorities blocked the move because they had only agreed to his extradition to Britain on money laundering charges. A lengthy exchange "wholly unpersuaded" that the over procedural points then took place between the two

"How could anyone leave poor Gypsy to suffer like this?"

"When we found her she was in an unbelievable state.

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suffering from severe emaciation and dehydration. It was

very probable that she had been in foal and had recently

aborted. She is the worst case of horse cruelty I have

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Inside story: Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, at a signing session for his memoirs at Harrods in Knightsbridge, London, yesterday

Police forces' jobs condemned

Patricia Wynn Davies

Entrenched rocism and sexism, barriers to promotion and discriminatory bullying are still rife in the police service in England and Wales, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary's annual report

revealed vesterday.

Despite the "substantial progress" made since an equal opportunities review in 1992 the report, compiled by Sir Trefor Morris for the year 1995-96 but presented by his successor David O'Dowd, spotlights a serics of areas of concern.

There is a small but continuing rise in the recruitment of female and ethnic mioority officers, but progress up the promotion ladder or into specialist roles is "far slower", the report said.

There were still "entrenched attitudes that frustrated progress, and a rise in reports of oppressive hullying. "There is a continued and unaccentable level of racist and sexist banter. While more covert and subtle than before, it is nevertheless destructive."

The report added: "Stories of harussment and discrimination against civilian staff were of particular concern, especially when accompanied by reports of unacceptable behaviour going unchallenged by peers and superiors." Lack of faith in grievance procedures was "particularly worrying".

The report urged "perspective" and that its findings should

not be taken "automatically as a worsening of the position in forces, more a willingness of the police service to confront the issues". But it admitted that "the concept of a diverse workforce has been slow to take root... Whilst the strategies and mechanisms are in the main in place, they will be ineffective unless accompanied by a shift in culture and attitudes.

The criticisms come amid a string of tribunal defeats and out-of-court settlements over harassment and discrimination. Around 60 per cent of forces improved their clear-up rate for violent crime and more than half improved the speed of their

response to emergency calls, Mr O'Dowd said. But he conceded there was "considerable room for improvement in the detection of 'volume' crime". Only 24 per cent of reported house burglaries were detected nationwide, with

Northumhria and Humberside (13 per cent) and Greater Manchester (14 per cent) recording the lowest clear-up rate. Dyfed-Powis (51 per cent), Gwent (43 per cent) and Lincolnshire (41 per cent) topped the league. Mr O'Dowd also expressed concern about the level of sick-

ness among front-line officers. Although the same as last year - an average of 11.9 days per officer - the report said "high levels of sickness can be a reflection of low staff morale and indicative of more serious problems elsewhere".

Ceasefire scare race bar for top after UVF man is shot dead

David McKittrick Ireland Correspondent

John Major yesterday announced plans to meet the po-litical representatives of loyalist paramilitary groups, just hours after a leading loyalist was gunned down and killed on a

north Belfast street. The murder, shortly before Zam yesterday, at first led to concern that the fragile loyalist ceaselire was collapsing. Within hours, however, both loyalists and security sources said paramilitary groups had not been involved in the killing.

Both the security forces and loyalists maiotain that the motive for the shooting was financial rather than political, though the dead man was, until last week, a senior figure in the illegal Ulster Volunteer Force. He was Thomas George Stewart, a 32-year-old father-oftwo, who was shot several times as he walked near his home in

the tough Ballysillan area. Mr Stewart was UVF commander in north Belfast until last Friday, when he and another senior UVF man were "stood down" by the organisation. Loyalists said the two had been responsible for a "homer" - the armed robbery of a local

post office. The UVF men had denied involvement in the hold-up, in which a reputed £50,000 was stolen, but loyalists said the UVF had established they were responsible. The killing ap- to help maintain the ceasefire.

pears connected not with this episode but with another incident some weeks ago, when Mr Stewart and his colleague fired shots at an ex-UVF member in

another dispute over money. Loyalists and security sources said they believed it was this ex-UVF member who was behind the attack on Mr Stewart. They speculate that he believes the organisation would not seek revenge for the killing of a member who had been stood down in disgrace. A man and woman were yesterday in custody for questioning about the shooting.
A decade ago Mr Stewart

faced serious terrorist charges in a major "supergrass" case, but escaped conviction. His associate who was expelled with him last Friday took part in talks with government officials last year. Mr Major, in agreeing to meet loyalist representatives in three weeks time, specified that the meeting will only take place if the ceasefire holds. He will

meet the Ulster Democratic Party, which represents the Ulster Defence Association, and the Progressive Unionists, who speak for the UVF.

The parties want to talk about matters including the Government's support for the union, the question of Sinn Fein's entry into talks, and the early release of loyalist prisoners. In consenting to their request for a meeting, Mr Major has showed how anxious the Government is to do all it can

A Swift one at the fourth attempt

David Lister Arts News Editor

THE £20,000 Booker Prize for fiction was won last night by Graham wift. The 47-year-old Londoner's Thovel Last Orders won nn a 3-2 majority vote.

Swift was the bookmakers' oddson favourite but it is understood that at the judges' meeting chaired by Carmen Callil, the publisher and

from Seamus Deane, the Northern story of a bizarre day's outing when book earlier in the year and wrote: rago, attacked what she called a small lrish author, and his book *Reading* four friends of a London butcher try "His characters live in the mind, a clique of critics who denignated Irish author, and his book Reading

Miss Callil said last night: "Choosing the winner was torture but we wonderful book that will give great pleasure to thousands of people." Swift has written five novels and has been translated into more than 20 languages. He was short listed for the Booker in 1983 for his novel Wa-

to honour his wish to bave his ashes scattered at sea.

One Booker insider described eventually settled on Last Orders, a the novel as "nice popular romp" wonderful book that will give great adding that perhaps it lacked the grand scale of the entries by Margaret Arwood and Robinton Mistry.
Ms Atwood, who has now heen short listed three times, has yet to win

gift only a few writers give us." He £20,000 at the prize dinner in Lon-

Swift, a keen fisherman and close friend of Salman Rushdie, is the son of a civil servant and read English at Cambridge. Last Orders is published

don's Guildhall.

the prize:

In her speech Miss Callil, the read English novels.

Miss Callil herself reviewed Swift's founder of feminine publishers Vi
She added: "Obsessive denigration"

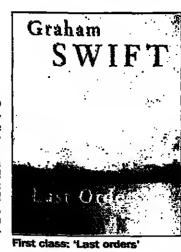
clique of critics who denigrated English novels while over-praising was presented with a cheque for modern American literature and writers from the Third World.

She also attacked writers' agents for being greedy and publishers for overworking editors. But it was modern critics whom she particularly

ngled out. She said she doubted whether they

of some sort of imperial misery. English novelists are oo longer the greatest in the world, therefore they must be the worst."

She went on to say that English writers had become a threatened species: "English writers cannot stand up and say, 'I'm English and I'm writing about life in my vibrant, interesting/doom laden country with the confidence of a Scots or Irish per-



terland. His latest book relates the Terrrible year: no tantrums

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One morning last January an oblong envelope stamped "private & confidential" arrived at the niffices of Granta. The "private" was in blue ink and the "confidential" in red. The two colours and the ampersand suggested a correspondent with a screw loose, or an nid-fashioned way nf doing

The second was the correct guess. The letterhead announced an antiquarian book-seller, Sotheran's of Sackville Street: the letter, from the shop's owner, Martyn Goff. invited me to be a judge in this year's Book-

This is an odd business. Goff (who had no loose screws) is the prize's administrator and acts on behalf of its invisible management committee. For almost 30 years he has been sending out judicial invitations on the notepaper of a second-hand bookseller. It seems to work. I accepted at once, and oot only because the fee was £3,000. (What else then? Vanity, I suppose, and for the experience".)

I woo't mentioo the books. Far too many pieces by former judges have gone about the dreadful job of reading them, as though they bave just spent six months down the pit. In any case, you do not want to know about the books. You want to know about judicial splits, rows and tantrums, and about that virago who was chairing us, Car-

Disappointment here, Pm afraid. Callil was sweet reason. The meetings were wellrun. Opinions were firmly held and wellexpressed, but oo tempers were lost. From The publicity angle, and publicity is the reason for the Booker's success, this has been a terrible year. No shipwrecks, nobody drowned, nothing to laugh at all. Some wonderful books, though, and a shame that the shortlist had to be confined to six.



Graham Swift: His 'nice, popular romp about a day's drinking won by a majority of 3-2

No guarantee of fame and fortune

By David Lister Arts News Editor

Neither the winner nor the runners-up nn last night's Booker shortlist should get too starry eyed about the prospects of future fame and fortune.

The shop window displays that a Booker shortlisting makes likely, and a win guarantees, are a quick fix oot always followed

by lasting sales or even lasting literary fame. How many bookshelves contain the first Booker Prize winner in 1969, PH Newby's Something To Answer For, or David Storey's Saville, the 1976 winner. If you don't possess the latter it's too late to remedy that now. Saville is out of print and that particular Booker winner bas been deleted by publisher Jonathan Cape.

It is, of course, true that the Booker list of winners since 1969 also contains some of the biggest names in British fiction -Iris Murdoch, Kinglsey Amis, Salman Rushdie, William Golding, VS. Naipaul and Paul Scott, But with the exception of Rushdie, these writers were at the peak before winning the Booker, and oeither their sales nor the esteem in which they were held by their peers changed radically. Rushdie's Midnight's Children sold only 37,000 copies in hardback despite its Booker win, though it is still selling in paperback. The cootinuing success of these already established authors is oot always replicated by the relative unknowns who achieve Booker fame. Eleven years ago Keri Hulme's Maori novel, The Bone People, won the prize and in shifting only 32,000 copies was the worst selling Booker winner ever. She made no further impact on the British hterary scene.

Others have fared rather better. Anita Brookner had oever sold more than 3,000 copies in hardback before Hotel Du Lac took the prize in 1984 and went on to sell

90.000. Kazuo Ishiguro's The Remains Of The Day won in 1989 bad an additional 50,000 sales attributed to winning the Booker, and Thomas Keneally's Schindler's Ark bad an initial print run of 15,000, but in the four weeks after winning the prize sold 75,000 in hardback.

Yet even these winners have not always looked back with happiness nr gratitude on the prize that made their names. Anita Brookner once said: "Winning the Booker has had nil impact on my career, and your reputation sinks rapidly after winning the prize." A more measured view came from Stanley Middleton, whose novel Holiday was joint winner in 1974. He remarked: You're always referred in as a Booker Prize winner thereafter, so f guess it makes a dif-ference, and my local university did give me an bnnnrary degree. Both Nadine Gordimer and I, whn won it jointly, said it wouldn't make any difference, but she went on to win the Nobel prize, But it didn't make me a fortune.

Gordon Kerr, marketing manager for Waterstone's bookshops, says that bookshops will order in further copies of the winoer because public interest will be generated by the press and television reports. Last year there was a 300 per cent increase in orders for the winner, Pat Bark-er's The Ghost Road. The winner will cer-

tainly be put nn display.

Perhaps the best ploy is to be excluded from the Booker shortlist and find that press outrage over the exclusion, puts oo sales. In 1989 when Ishiguro won there was just such public, or at least press, bafflement that neither Julian Barnes's A History Of The World in 10 and a Half Chapters oor Martin Amis's London Fields was even shortlisted. The ensuing publicity helped each to sell more than 40,000 in hardback.

Both have continued to thrive financially and artistically. Both have international reputations. Neither has won the Booker Prize.

merica's Mrs Lawrence goes to the polls

David Usborne Mineola, New York

The candidate winces as journalists place their tape-recorders before her and a photographer crouches to take some shots. The polls say she is on her way to a seat in the House of the Representatives. But hers is not the bearing of a politician lusting for power. In the US elections there can

be no more reluctant a campaigner than Carolyn Mc-Carthy. A nurse and a registered Republican, Mrs Mc-Carthy is running as the De-mocrat candidate in the Fourth District of New York, just to the east of New York City on Long Island. But there are few voters for a moral crusade. Mrs Mcon the island, or indeed across the nation, who do not know what has brought her here.

Mrs McCarthy is running gun ownership. because of one tragic night, two and a half years ago, when a lone gunman went berserk on a Long Island Railroad train travelling from Manhattan and shot dead six commuters. One was ber husband, Dennis, Among the seciously injured was her son, Kevin.

The parallels with Frances Lawrence, wbose husband Philip was murdered last December by a teenager outside the London school where he was headmaster, are striking. Mrs Lawrence last week called

Carthy, aged 50 at the time of the murder, quickly turned ber grief into a campaign against

She only began pondering running for Congress in March this year when, in her fury, her district's Republican incumbent, Dan Frisa, cast a vote in favour of repealing a ban on assault weapons. A few weeks lat-er, the House Democrat leader, Richard Gephardt, personally called her to ask her to become a candidate. She did not even

know who he was: candidates' debate (for which Mr Frisa is a no-show). Mrs Mc-Carthy does not speak directly

of the massacre. Kevin, though, whom she has mursed from paralysis to nearly complete recovery, is in the audience.

She mentions Dennis once. In answering a question on the environment, she relates a night when be caught a sea bass off Long Island a few years ago and, in acknowledgement of their scarcity, threw it back.

A shy person, Mrs McCarthy is not finding the campaign casy. It is exhausting and, above all, she has loathed the business of raising funds.

"They said this would be fun," she jokes in an interview after the debate. "Skiing is fun. Playing golf is fun. This isn't

Asked about her decision to enter politics, she says: "You don't just wake up nne morning and say 'I'm going to run for Congress'. It took six weeks for me to agree to do it. But I had to do it. I had to force myself to do it and I know my husband would be very proud of me."

From a national point or view, her candidacy is important. The Democrats have a chance to win back control of the House and races such as this

will be pivotal. one of the 1994 Republican freshmen who travelled to Congress to do battle for Newt empathy for the needier con-Gingrich and the Contract for stituents would make her an America and who now find

a changed of electoral mood. While she is nine points ahead of Mr Frisa in the latest polls, Mrs McCarthy is vulner-able to the charge that she is a nne issue candidate.

She knows it but shows no sign of embarrassment, "Gun violence is the end product of what is wrong with this country," she tells the appreciative debate

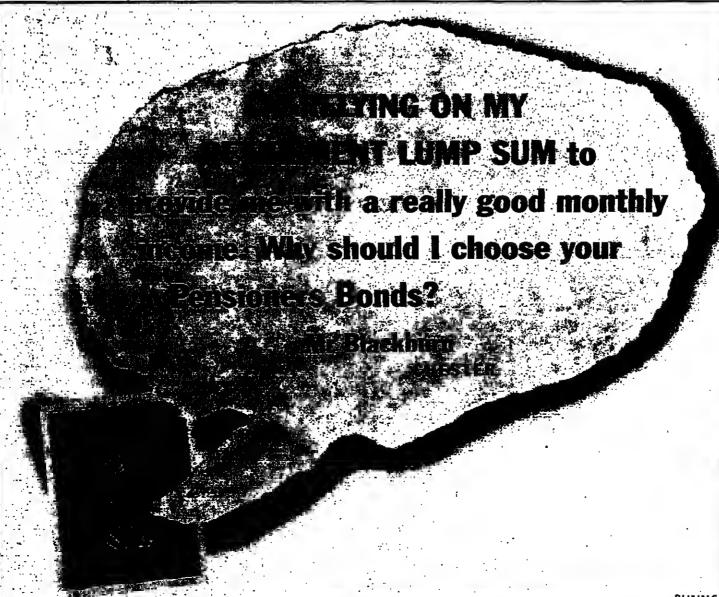
Yesterday she received the endorsement of the New York Times: "Her obvious strength of character, her progressive views nn social issues and uncommon outstanding representative."

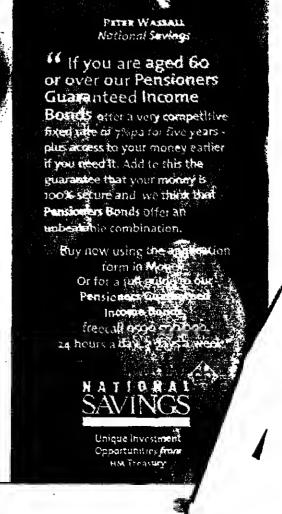


Carolyn McCarthy: "I know my husband would be proud of me

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Punishment debate: A bad day for the Education Secretary after comments in radio interview set her at odds with Major

Shephard takes a caning from PM

and Judith Judd

Gillian Shephard faces fresh embarrassment after being disciplined by the Prime Minister over her support for the restoration of caning in schools.

Right-wing Tory MPs led by the maverick Tony Marlow said last night they would force a Commons vote on corporal punishment during the passage of the Educatioo Bill, to be pub-

Mrs Shephard will have to toe the line agreed vesterday with the Prime Minister and refuse to support the move, in spite of earlier underlining her belief that corporal punishment can be

She told Tory MPs: "The Prime Minister takes a different personal view, but the government position is we are not putting the restoration of corporal punishment into the Bill."

The trouble began when the Secretary of State for Education, oot normally thought of as a member of the party's hanging and flogging wing, told the BBC Radio 4's Today that the Government had been looking at the legal implications of hringing hack corporal punish-ment and hinted that backbenchers might amend the Bill.

By 9 am. Downing Street became alarmed that reports of Mrs Shephard's readiness to restore caning were leading the BBC news. As Mrs Shephard headed by train for the opening of a sixth form college in Weybridge to Surrey, Downing Street officials contacted her press officer to say the Prime

Minister wanted to speak to her. The Prime Minister's office said Mr Major pointed out to her that he faced questions to be expelled.

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and she would be opening a debate on education that afternoon. "Let's go through the position we are going to put for-ward together," he said.

He reminded her the Government was against caning being restored, because of the practical difficulties. The European Court of Human Rights had ruled against caning, and Britain was left with no alternative hut to accept the judgment. The Education Bill contained measures to improve discipline in schools hut in the consultation process, none of the teachers' unions had called for a return for corporal punishment,

Teachers, who believe that discipline problems in a handful of schools are being exploited hy politicians, were furious and amazed, Peter Miller, president of the Secondary Heads Association, said: "I am so disappointed that Gillian Shepbard has been tempted into saying something about corporal punishment. There is 00 way we can turn the clock back".

MPs suspected that Mrs Shephard had been trying to outflank Labour on discipline in schools, even if it meant bouncing the Cabinct. The Prime Minister's office later vehemently denied that she been "caned" by Mr Major. But there was oo hiding the dis-comfort felt over the issue. Solicitors acting for the mother of the 10-year-old boy at the centre of the discipline dispute at Manton School in Nottinghamshire plan to seek a judicial review of the decision to close it. In Halifax, inspectors went into Ridings School where teachers want at least 20 pupils



Caring headteacher who believes beating can be good for his boys

Charlie Bain and Louise Jury

St James independent school for boys in Twickenham, southwest Londoo, is ooe of the last bastions of corporal punisb-

While most public schools bave bowed to political pressure in the last decade and followed state schools in abolishing the cane, St James has struck a traditionalist stance.

Yet in explaining the policy, Nicbolas Debenham, the beadmaster, discusses care for the pupils as much as discipline and describes his school of 180 boys as very happy. "You've got to have love on one hand and discipline on the other - an awful lot of love and a little hit of discipline," he said.

er relationship of trust and respect between pupils and teachers, which is what there should be, then that's the real foundation for the child's edu-The cane - three strokes ad-

ministered to the backside - is an ultimate sanction wheo pupils behave really badly. "There are certain things I wouldn't put up with," Mr Debenham said. He cites de-

liberate cruelty to another child, for skipping a oumber of derepeated lying to gain advantage, or serious theft.

But there is oothing vicious or violent about caning. "People should be able to tell the dif-"If you have that and a propference between a vicious assault and properly measured

He believes punishment is preferable to expulsion. "If you expel the boy, you just pass the problem on to someone else." Outside St James, the pupils

were adamant that corporal punishmeot worked. Ricbard Smith, 16, said that Ricbard Smith, 16, said that "I weot through a stage be had received one stroke of where I missed class a lot. One

tentions. "I accepted it because I re-

alised what I'd dooe," he said. "Lines wouldn't have been a deterrent and detention obviously wasn't, but getting the cane made me think again. Another pupil, Simon Bonell. 17. admitted he was worried

about the cane when be first arrived at the school. "I think a lot of the younger boys are worried about the

cane, but that's why it's such a good deterrent," he said.

the cane wheo he was aged 12 day I didn't go to assembly and

doubt, is due to the cane to some extent. Bot a lot of my frieods thought it was kind of strange to come to a school that dished out corporal pun-

ishmeot."

at the school.

the culmination of offences

meant I got two strokes of the

cane. I had bruises for a couple

of days hut I learnt my lesson." Minal Patel, 10, who arrived

in the fifth form at St James five

weeks ago from another public

school, Mill Hill in north Loo-don, said he immediately no-

ticed the high level of discipline

at Mill Hill," he said. "That, oo

It's a lot stricter here than

does not produce better **Education Editor**

Whacko

Pupils do not behave better if they are beaten. The influential Elton committee concluded in 1989 that "punitive regimes tend to be associated with worse rather than better standards of behaviour

Nor would corporal punish-ment stop the present spate of exclusions of unruly pupils. The committee, which reviewed all the research evidence, found that "those schools which relied most on corporal punishment tended to exclude more pupils". It also pointed to "some evidence that standards of behaviour teoded to be worse in schools which make more free quent use of corporal punish

Most other countries realised this before Britain. The British government banned corporal punishment in state schools 10 years ago, the last country in Europe to do so. The first to outlaw beating in schools was Poland, 203 years earlier.

Independent schools in Britain are still allowed to beat pupils, except those on government-funded assisted places, but heads of the leading schools frown on all forms of corporal

The Government introduced legislation to ban beating in state schools in 1985 after it had paid compensation to several parents who were backed by a ruling from the European Court of Human Rights. Since then, parents of two independent school pupils have taken their cases to the European Court. The Government paid compensation to a boy who had been caned at Brighton Co lege to stop the case going to

In 1993, the court decided that slippering a boy three times on clothed buttocks did oot breach the European Conveotion oo Human Rights, but saidthe decision was not to be taken as indicating that it approved of corporal punishment.

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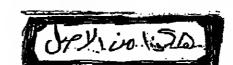
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Ten slow years on the road to hell

The unwary go in circles round it. Others are glad if they are going at all, James Cusick says on the M25's unhappy birthday

"Aaaahhh! I hate it." A circu-lar road celehrated its 10th anniversary yesterday and nobody wanted to say "happy hirthday".
Paris might have its chic

peripherique. But nothing complementary rhymes with M25, which is just as well. Only on the car radios of the schizophrenic or in the dreams of fantasists will you hear the words "And on the M25 this morning everything is flowing well".

Yesterday the birthday road did not disappoint any of the 7,000 regulars who travel part of its 117 miles between 6am and 10am every day.

AA Roadwatch, as important to M25 motorists as jungle drums were to Dr Livingstone, began the day as usual with bad news. "Things are very slow our end of the roadworks between junctions six and 10, both clockwise and anti-clockwise. Nineteen miles of contrafiow are still operating there. And it's single-file anti-clockwise at junctions seven and six. The M23 northbound at the junction with the M25 is busy - that's very slow between junctions 23 and 24."

The misery continued. The man at the AA was very nice. Very, very nice, about the weather, the traffic and motorists. But had he in five years of traffic broadcasting ever said anything nice about the M25? Had be ever not even mentioned it in his traffic jam

"Not since I have been doing this job," he said. "No, I think I mention it every day. Yes,

every day." The M25, which is also officially named the London Orbital Motorway, has become the road to bell. In 1995, according to the most recent AA survey, the single most-asked question about the M25 was how to avoid it. That is understandable given that on any Monday throughout the year the M25 will deliver 73 miles of traffic jams. Remember, it was built to alle-

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viate traffic problems. If you had wanted to wish the. Winchester and if you are writ-M25 a happy birthday yesterday by phoning the appropriate government department, you would have found difficulty. The Department of Transport at the moment. Phone the De-

South Mimms service station on the motorway if they wished to wish the road a happy birthday, produced some improbable responses. Mr Wright from London (SW) Guildford

Heathrow (M4), Watford & M1 Chertsey (A320)

Another day, another crawl: The M25 has 73 miles of jams on its 117-mile length on an

Ode to a Road: A poem for the M25

From Westerham to Caterham I never got my kicks
I never got my kicks
Till I found myself at Blindley Heath
by way of Exit Six
For no artwork has the beauty

And no symphony I know
Like the shards of autumn sunlight On a two-mile controllor Or the roadcone-hurling Queequegs Dressed in luminescent green On a tailback close to Rickmansworth By Exit Seventeen

It roars for all eternity
It's horrid wet or dry
But the thirty-nine enquiries
Failed to find the reason why
For the dreaming gabled hamlets
Double-glazed against the noise Close to Exit Twenty Seven As you go to Theydon Bois And you will not find a driver Who can claim he's been alive Till he's drunk deep of the liquor

That they call the Twenty Five

Mrs Catling could form a splinter group of one – the M25 Martin Newell's new anthology Poetic Licence is published on 5 December. Advance copies can fan club. "I like the road. In fact be obtained from JLM and P, 75 Levertobn Street, London NW5 2NX



ay, it would cost the taxpayer times as much as It did origina

4t A company in Great Yarmou

exit, including William Allen, a grandfather, 84 at the time, who spent two full days circling the M25 looking for his daughter's nome.

M25 are often witness to bizarre sights. A patrol car once encountered an elderly woman cycling in the opposite direction to the traffic, steering with one hand and holding her hat down against the stip-streams from the dodging vehicles with the other.

was fixing a vehicle on the hald shoulder of the M25 when a mo-torist stopped in the inside lane, unist stopped in the inside lane, asking him directions, in another incident a car was reported to have travelled at 70 mph along the em-bankment, returning to the carnage-way, amazingly hitting no other vehicles in the process.

8) The motorway even has its own mystery, when in July 1990 police discovered the mutilated body of a woman near South Minms service station. The woman still yet to be identified, lies in an unmarked grave, buried as "Jane Doe". Police have eliminated several possibilities but still want to Identify her.

9) Who says that romance is dead? Chris and Sue Glazier from Ashford Kent held their five star wedding re ception in a motorway service sta-tion. This was followed by a romantic night in a luxury coach, complete with honeymoon suite and destined to spend the evening cir-cling the M25.

anyone in the lorry, Volvo, VW said: "No, you need to phone the Highways Agency." The The Department of Transport Highways Agency said: "Yes, you need us but nobody is here Independent that one-third of carefully reminded the Independent that one-third of the vehicles that daily use the partment of Transport." M25 do so to by-pass London. Asking resting motorists at "So that means two-thirds use

it not to by-pass London," I asked. "Now that you put it that way," said the DoT, "it doesn't sound very positive really."

er £1bn. It may also be the only motorway in the world with a cricket club on top of it. The Epping Foresters have their The operations-room at

ry, said: "I don't usually see this

road in daylight. I like to hit it

around 4am before the traffic

builds np. Half-an-hour late

and you're two hours late, know

South Mimms yesterday - by ac-cident. One said: "We didn't re-

alise the road was, er, round,

very round, until it was too late. We think we may have been here before."

British - you get used to British things after a while. I'm from

ing this down, put this: 'I hate this fucking road.' Put that."
The M25 is "landscaped"

with 2.1 million trees, not that

Another motorist said: "It's

Two Danish girls travelled to

what I mean?"

'It's British. You get used to British things after a while. I hate this f***** road'

officers patrol the M25, were

very positive about their local

road. "Put it this way, sir,

The M25 is supposed to be the world's longest city by-pass. and by the time it was finished in 1986 it had cost the taxpay-

Kent, who had articulated lor- Barnet police station, whose M25 tunnel near Epping Forest. At South Mimms, Gwen Catling has the unenviable job of daily answering questions on behalf of the English Tourist where would you put all the traffic if you didn't have the M25?" Board information service. At her desk yesterday, as she has Another officer said London's been for the last five years, she said the most-asked question of the M25 was "Am I going the right way round?"

own périphérique was either "beautiful" or "solid" – you either loves it oryou hate it, he said, And if the M25 wasn't there? without stating his own choice. She answered: "I'd have to stay at home because you wouldn't be able to get out here for the

> I think we should have built what was originally intended: a double-decker motorway, not just anti-clockwise and clockwise, but up and down."

Last night AA Roadwatch was taking a back seat on M25 information. On BBC Radio 5 To complete it the Government held 39 public inquiries I Live a competition was in progress. A reporter was despatched to the M25 with listeners phoning in to guess how many miles she could complete between 4pm and 6pm. And they say the Italians ground directly above the long are road crazy.

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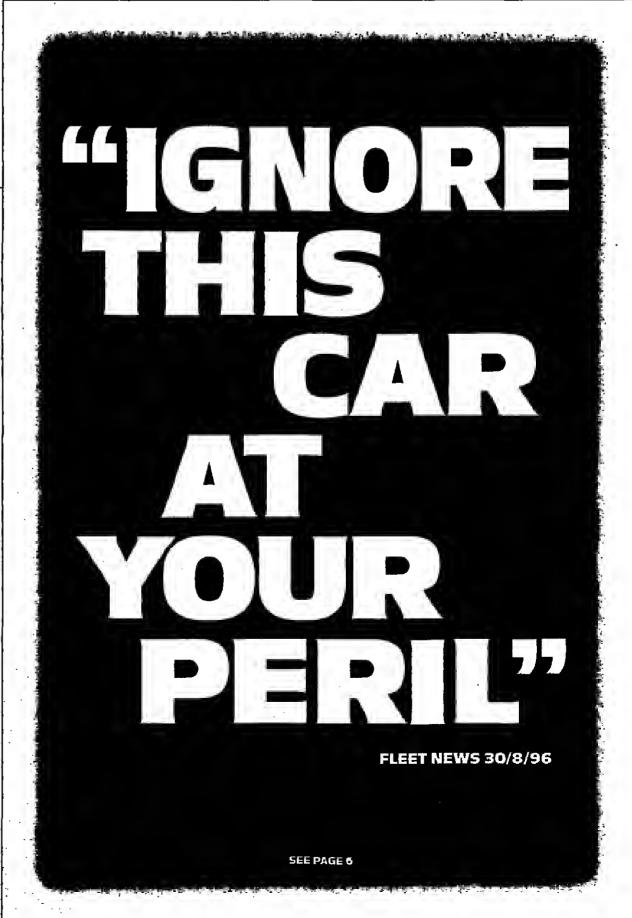
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Assumptions about a 'ticking time bomb" over the growing cost of the elderly have been exploded by government figures.

Slipped out in a statistical report to a Commons committee. they show that the Government has scaled down the ex-1 per cent of expenditure on personal social services in 1996-97 to 0.4 per cent in 1997-98. The Department of manageable. Health estimated in a report published earlier this year that the rise would be 0.7 per cent. The figures "show consider-

ably slower growth in the elderly population than earlier projec-

The falling cost How cost of the old on social services is now projected to plunge after a steady rise

1991-92	1.1%
1992-93	1.0%
1993-94	0.9%
1994-95	1.2%
1995-96	1.3%
1996-97	1.0%
1997-98	0.4%

tions", said the report to the Select Committee on Health.

Hugh Bayley, a Labour member of the committee and expert on health economics, said the admission that the "time bomh" did not exist undermined the Government's claims that a given benefits worth an average switch to private insurance policies was needed to pay for titled but which many fail to

"This shows there is no de-

mographic time bomb," he said.
"If there is the political will to provide long-term care for the elderly, the state can continue provide it.

It should be possible to provide long-term care facross the country with a service that does not depend on your needs or

where you live."
The committee said in June pected cost of the elderly from that the suggestions of a "crisis" in paying for long-term care were "downright alarmist". It said the problems were real hut

> The Government on Monday rejected the criticism by the committee, which is chaired by the senior Tory MP Marion Roe, that free long-term care on the NHS was available in some areas, but not in others.

> The Government has shelved its Bill to launch a private-insurance-based solution to the plight of many elderly people who are being forced to sell their homes to gain entitlement to long-term care on the state, which is meanstested. The reduction in the Gov-

> ernment's estimates of the rising cost of the elderly on personal social services could also boost pensioners' demands for increases in the real value state In a separate move, Harriet

Harman, the shadow social security secretary, will today challenge the Government to use its fraud Bill to ensure that 700,000 of the poorest pensioners are



Pensioners make no extra call on the state

rity officers will be given the power to cross-check data on benefit payments, VAT returns and tax returns to check on fraud, Ms Harman says the same powers should be used to help those who are failing to draw the money.

Her office is engaged in a cross-departmental survey of relevant information technology and she will seek an amendment to the Bill to extend the cross-checking powers to the social security entitlements.

Ms Harman is also meeting pensioners' leaders, including Jack Jones and Baroness Cas-tle, over their campaign for improved state pensions. She will propose using pensioners' "juries" and polling under a Labour administration to keep Under the Bill, social secu- the needs of the elderly.

except the United States. But the rate at which we are ageing and the problems of pensions and care that brings are often exaggerated by opponents of the welfare state.

The majority of old people make no special calls on gov-ernment support beyond their state pension. They either fend for themselves or are looked after perfectly satisfactorily by friends and family - and experts say there is no reason wby this should not be as true in 2020, or even 2040 when the "demo-

Britain is going grey - like will be retiring). Britain mean-every other advanced country while is ageing at a far more while is ageing at a far more comfortable rate than nearly every other country in the western world - or Japan, where within two decades one in three of the entire population will be

At the turn of the century just over 9 million people will be over 65 - out of a total United Kingdom population of just under 60 million. A half century later, in 2051, total population will have fallen slightly to . and when today's 19-year-olds regularly made in these figures needing long-term care is now cal Studies, the real cost of state

by official statisticians has been downward.

For the first 30 years of the new century there will be a small increase in the very old, those aged over 85, who have the most need for health and social care. The critical decades will be 2030 to 2050 when their numbers rise by nearly 1 million.

Behind this great-granny about 56.6 million while the bulge lies a dip in the number number of older people will be of those aged between 40 and up to just under 14 million. Re-70, who do most of the caring.

about 1.5 million and will grow to 2 million by the end of the first decade next century then to about 2.7 million by 2031. That points to a need for increased care outside the home. which somebody is going to

have to pay for. According to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, a payroll tax of 1.5 per cent of average earnings, instituted now, would provide more than enough to meet the extra costs of care. State pensions currently cost

about £26bn a year and their cost is projected to rise at about ers will be poorer if they rely on £1.5bn a year. But, according to the state alone.

pensions is going to fall - from 4.3 per cent of GDP now to 3.5 per cent by 2030.

The reason is that in 1980 the Government cut the link between the state pension and earnings which means pensions are increased each year only inline with inflation.

Currently a state pension is worth about 32 per cent of a male worker's average earnings. By 2040 that is predicted to fall to 22 per cent - which means, relatively speaking, that the day after tomorrow's pension-

David Walker

Minister stalls on Salisbury bypass until after election

Christian Wolmar

Transport Correspondent

The pre-election paralysis of the government machine showed itself vesterday when ministers announced that they were post- Salisbury and three adjoining vilponing any decision over the Salisbury bypass until next celebre of the anti-roads lobby spring at the earliest.

even to let out contracts to build

Wiltshire scheme means that no on by-pass, the M11 link road

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work can start until well after the general election and that this government will be unable even to lel out contracts to build the 11-mile road.

The road, which skirts change of policy, see Salisbury as a test of the Government's re-

new roads programme. oring at the earliest. in the wake of confrontations of Sir George Young, Secretary over Twyford Down, Batheast- of State for Transport, stressed

reports, there had been no row between him and John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment. He said ministers were "minded" to give the go-ahead to the scheme which he announced had been approved solve to retain any vestiges of a new roads programme. by the inspector of the 151-day public inquiry held in 1993/94.

However, two developments since the hearings - the declayesterday that contrary to recent ration of a site of Special Sci-

entific Interest at East Harnham Meadows south of the city, and a reassessment of the methodology used to quantify the benefits of road schemes - meant that he was seeking further and would not be helped by the views of interested parties he-fore making a final decision.

The inspector, Sir Peter Buchanan, argues that "action must be taken" because without

of routes would reach very high levels resulting in serious congestion". However, environmentalists say that much of the traffic involves local journeys bypass. Sir George accepted yesterday that only "40 per cent of the traffic" would be displaced off the existing road, but said this is a very high proportion

the bypass, "flows on a number and would have a big impact".

The delay will heighten the debate over the value of road dictably angry that ministers were minded to proceed with the schemes. In December 1994, the obscure Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment, recommended that the Government changed the way it assessed road schemes by taking into account extra traffic attracted onto the new road by its very existence.

bypass. Simon Festing, transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth, criticised the Government's "flawed decision making". "There is no justification for this destructive road scheme as it was part of a long-distance strategic route and other im provements on that route have Environmentalists were prenow been dropped," he said.



Family seek to take the sex out of Hendrix

Film of Jacobean tragedy said to be too raunchy for pop star's music. **Louise Jury** reports

Think of the late Jimi Hendrix and think of sex and drugs and rock and roll. Tragedy, even. Everything the director Marcus Thompson wanted for his film of the Jacobean drama The

Changeling.
He approached the Hendrix estate for permission to use the music. Alan Douglas, then Hendrix's musical curator, said they could do business if the movie was as weird as they said.
Mr Thompson showed him a

rough cut of the film, shot in Alicante in Spain with a cast inchuding the singer Ian Dury, comedian Billy Connolly and performance poet John Cooper Clarke. "Well, it's as weird as you say," came the reply. Permission granted.

But when the Hendrix family regained control of the musibeen signed, she added. cian's work last year and saw the finished Thompson film - a labour of love started six years. It had aiready been premiered with the Hendrix soundtrack at

ago - they were not happy. Rumour has it the problem was the sex and violence, the culmination in "an orgy of madness, sex and death, to quote the publicity. A music industry source said: "They are very sensitive to the way Jimi's music is used.'

Janie Hendrix, the late star's music this spring, it sealed the sister, was not specific. "After we screened the film, we decided it was not an appropriate venue catalogue of problems that have plagued Mr Thompson's project.



Deferred pleasure: Scenes from 'The Changeling' (right), by Marcus Thompson (above), who re-scored his labour of love with a soundtrack by JS Bach and Henry Purcell

for Jimi's work," she told The Independent. "Jimi's music con-"I was feeling a bit sorry for is full of powerful visions. It's all myself," Mr Thompson said. very curious." tains powerful visions and we The Hendrix idea had been did not feel that what was por-trayed in *The Changeling* was consistent with them." They were not aware any contract had there from the very start and inspired me all the way through. To have it taken away at the last minute ... And The Changeling

He was forced to consider alternatives to replace the music or abandon the project. He set-tled on a new soundtrack by JS

re-scored version should be finished by Christmas. A new screening will be arranged.
"It's absolutely fabulous,"

Mr Thompson said yesterday. "It's a completely different Bach and Henry Purcell and the movie. For me, the Hendrix

works fabulously but I was stunned by this new version. Luckily, the great thing about this movie is it doesn't date." Despite all the difficulties, Mr Thompson, a former pop video-maker in his 40s, said he was not

bitter. And at least he should now be able to pay those who gave their services in return for payment when the film was released, including royal wedding dress-maker, Elizabeth Emanuel, who designed the

costumes. "It's a classic deferment movie, it's just been deferred a bit longer than normal.
At least 1 think they will see it now. And I've still got the Hendrix. I can still see my movie as



Mystery men 'bribed' official

A senior tax inspector received accounts. It is quite clear he has thousands of pounds in bribes from wealthy taxpayers he was investigating but their identities remain unknown, the Old Bai-

ley heard yesterday. Michael Allcock had 11 bank accounts and six credit card accounts, John Black, for the prosecution, said and between 1987 and 1992 he allegedly. paid off credit cards totalling corruption between June 1987 257,807. A further £91,390 was and October 1992. paid into his accounts. The attributable and ofteo paid in £50 notes, the prosecution

claimed. Mr Black said: "We are quite unable to tell you who paid All-cock the various amounts of money. In the course of the evidence you will hear that at varying times Allcock gave explanations as to the source of the money. We say they were all false. The evidence will demoustrate without any doubt that he has no legitimate explanation for that amount of money in his

lied oo occasions about the source of his money.

So Mr Thompson was left

with an unusable finished film.

last year's Glastonbury festival.

That was followed by a show-

ing in Leicester Square, Lon-

don, where it was snapped up by distributors who signed a deal to sell the film to Japan before

going bust. When Janie Hendrix

withdrew permission for the

"This money has been given to him by tax payers and was received by him corruptly as an inducement or reward for showing favour in relatioo to tax affairs.

Allcock, 47, of Colchester, Essex, denies 13 charges of

wan, 56, from Knightsbridge, Loodon, has denied three charges of corruption and David Shamoon, 66, from West Kensington, London, has denied one charge of corruption.

Mr Black said it was not every tax file with which Mr Allcock was associated to find where favourable treatment might have occurred. A number of people from whom Allcock allegedly received gifts had been named in the charges he faced. Two of them appeared with him in court. Hisham Al-

DAILY POEM

Homecoming

By Wislawa Szymborska

He was back. Said nothing. But it was clear something had upset him. He lay down in his suit. Hid his head under the blanket. Drew up his knees. He's about forty, but not at this moment. He exists – but only as much as in his mother's belly behind seven skins, in protective darkness. Tomorrow he is lecturing on homeostasis in metagalactic space travel. But now he's curied up and fallen asleep.

The Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska was the surprise recipient of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Literature earlier this month. Born in Boin in western Poland in 1923, she has lived in Krakow Born in Brim in western Poland in 1923, sie has lived in Krakow since the age of eight. For 30 years she worked on the Krakow literary weekly Zweie Literackie as poetry editor and columnist, producing in this time nine volumes of poetry. This collection from 1990, People on a Bridge, translated by Adam Czerniawski, is published by Forest Books at £7.95. Faber published a new collection next spring. lish a new collection next spring.



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Baby doll: Two-year-old Nicole Ross stares in amazement at an Action Man model, part of a new display at the National Museum in Edinburgh

Lib Dems and Labour explore HEMES OF THE DAY coalition option

Political Correspondent

Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders met yesterday to discuss a "commoo programme" of democratic reforms to pave the way for what could effectively be a coalitioo government after

Robin Cook, Labour's poli-cy supremo, and Robert Maclennan, president of the Liberal Democrats, jointly anoounced that work had begun to work out the details of reforms, above all oo a referendum to change the votion system for the House of Commons. Despite Mr Cook's insistence that "this is not a pact", and Mr Maciennan's declaration that it was a "ringfeoced" agreement, restricted to constitutional changes, the meeting clearly marks one of the most important steps in the rapprochement between the two main opposition parties.

Mr Cook and Mr Madennan have held ooe-to-one talks, sanctioned by Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown, for over a year. But yesterday they were joined by senior colleagues in a formal committee to find "common ground in plans for a Scotparliameot,



Robin Cook: Met Maciennan to discuss details of reform.

assembly, a Loodon authority, a referendum oo electoral re-Act and reform of the House of

On Labour's side, the meet-ing was attended by Donald Do-war, the chief whip, Ann Taylor, shadow leader of the House, George Robertson, the Scottishaffairs spokesman, and Jack Straw, under whom the Home Office would be the lead department for many of the reforms. At future meetings they will be joined by Ron Davies, Welsh-affairs spokesman, and Lord Richard, Labour leader in

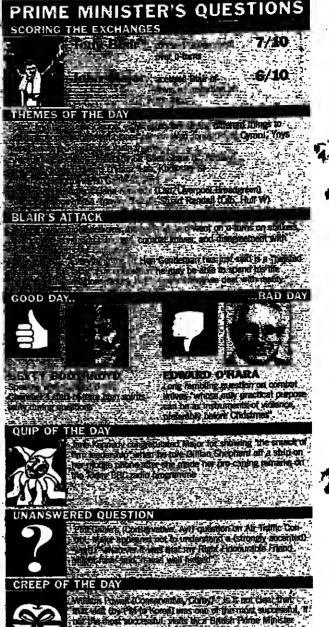
For the Liberal Democrats, Mr Maclennan was joined by Jim Wallace, leader of the Scottish party, Nick Harvey, MP for North Devon, and Lord Me-Nally, who as Tom McNally had personal experience of a Labour government, working as James Callaghan's bag-carrier.

"The Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats will fight the next election as distinct parties with separate candidates in every constituency," Mr Cook said at a Westminster news conference. "Nor is this the start of some grand oew re-alignment of British politics."

Yesterday's development follows signs that Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown have developed a form, a Freedom of Informatino · close working relationship. Both have hinted at a dramatic realignment of politics after the next election, including some one-Nation, pro-European Conservative MPs.

"We are confident that there will be a majority for reform in the next parliament," Mr Cook

And Mr Macleman pointed to the lessons of Harold Wilsoo's 1966 government, which with a Commons majority of 100, failed to push through its reforms of the



"I saw an accident when a friend fell from the truck taking us to the plantation. The tyre ran over his leg and he was sent to the company dispensary. They amputated his leg. He got no compensation and had to buy a plastic leg with his own money. The man has not worked since the accident." Pinearth market manifestan Rembie

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Beckett stresses need for single-currency caution

t became clearer yesterday that to be that Labour waots to a Labour government would not join, but not yet. Mrs Beckett join a single European currency when it is launched in two. years' time, as Margaret Beck-ett, the party's trade and industry spokeswoman, publicly ex-pressed doubts, writes John Speaking as the only shadow

Cook, the shadow Foreign Sec-

Mrs Beckett said: "The great nightmare for Britain has always been that our economy would not be sufficiently strong for it to be an easy option to choose whether or not to join, depending on what we think of the package when we actually see it."

A spokesman for Tony Blair's

office denied that the two interviews were scoding a signal. But, although the option of joining the first wave - after a referendum - is technically still open, the message now seems

did oot deviate from the line that a decision will be made in the UK's economic interest, but emphasised the problems of

cabinet member of Labour's In what appeared to be part Euro-Safeguards Campaign - its of a concerted exercise, her historic anti-European presgramme that the Government's the British economy would be strong enough for joining the single currency to be an easy decision. "I think everybody in Europe is worried about the stainability and the pace of the move towards economic moo-

etary union." she said. Mr Cook made it clear oo Sunday that if Britain stood aside from the launch of the single currency, due on 1 January 1999, a Labour government would want to join as soon as possible thereafter.

The Shadow Cabinet is fairly evenly divided between those who have been historically proand anti-Europeans, with the divide now mainly between those who want to postpone entry into a single currency for as sbort a time as possible, and those who want to "wait and see" for sev-

eral years. The "pro-Europeans" are: commeots closely followed the sure group - Mrs Beckett 'Mr Blair, Gordon Brown, Don-cautious note sounded by Robin told BBC Radio 4's Today pro- ald Dewar, Mo Mowlam, Chris ald Dewar, Mo Mowlam, Chris Smith, Ann Taylor, George and Jack Cunniogham. The main "antis" are: Mr Cook, John Prescott, David Blunkett, Jack Straw, Frank Dobson. Michael Meacher, and Mrs Beckett, who owed ber start in politics to ber'anti-EEC stance gainst the Democratic Labour

candidate Dick Taverne in 1974. Earlier this year, 50 Labour backbeochers spoosored "a people's campaign" to say no to a single currency, which they declared would bave "disastrous effects" on Britain.

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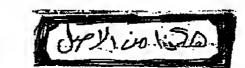
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Pride and passion: Items on sale fetched record prices, including this painting, which was sold for £750,000

Plundered treasures of Holocaust sold to help victims of Nazi tyranny

In an atmosphere of emotion rarely witnessed in an auction house, works plundered by the Nazs were yesterday auctioned at record prices, to benefit victims of the Holocaust.

By mid-day on the opening day of the Mauerbach Benefit Sale in Vienna more than £3.1m had been raised, more than double the estimate for the total sale. One painting by Abraham Mignon estimated at £47,000, sold to a London art dealer for £750,000.

"It's very emotional. It's a very personal occasion but also one of remeodous pride. People thought it was too good to be true that the sale could combine artistic merit with cultural signifi-cance but it bas," said Julia Hobsbawn, a spokeswoman for Christie's Auctioneers, who is handling the sale on behalf of Austria's Federation of Jewish

The two-day auction closes one of the most controversial legacies of the Second World War, after which Austria sequestered thousands of valuable items seized by the Nazis from Jewish homes. The government has come un-

tury delay in returning the items to the victims or their relatives, a fact appareotly accepted in a public apology by Franz Vranit-sky, Austria's Chancellor. on Monday, wheo he called for Austria to acknowledge "the darkest chapter in its history". In 1955 Austria was instructed to return the art, which Adolf Hitler's

troops had stored across Central

a great shadow oo our relations with the Austrian government".

Yet, according to onlookers among the 1,000-odd people packed into the auctioo rooms at the Austrian Museum of Applied Arts, the mood yesterday was not of bitterness but pride. One man, who identified his missing works shortly before the sale began, donated them to the sale once his ownership had been es-

We thought it was important to give them a final, Jewish setting and to honour the survivors'

Europe. But Austria's reluctance to take responsibility for the role it played in the Holocaust and decades of bureaucratic footdragging prevented the objects from being dishursed and they were held for decades in the Manerbach monastery in Austria.

Paul Grosz, president of Vienna's Jewish community, who was at the sale, said it marked "an important milestone in the countless years of attempted restitution that has not only occupied us for over five decades but often cast tablished, so they might be of further beoefit.

The works, finally turned over to Austria's Jewish community last year, include 19th-century land-scapes and portraits, Old Master paintings and drawings, antique coins, sculptures, tapestries, and porcelains. They offer a glimpse of the assimilated world of Austria's Jews and of Nazi aesthetic. Eighty-eight per cent of the proceeds will go to aid Jewish victims of the Holocaust, and 12 per ceot to oon-Jewish, Austrian survivors.

ambassador to Austria aod cochairman of the auction benefit committee, said most overseus bids were coming from Jews "who wanted this as a remembrance of a time that was". Israel's Yad Vashem and Tel Aviv Museums, and US Jewish organisations, were among the potential buyers.

Joel Marmelstein was bidding on behalf of the Charles T Sitrin

lewish health centre in New York. "We thought it was important to give them a final, Jewish set-ting and also to honour some of the survivors in our community from Austria and other parts of Europe," he said. Fran Laufer, a Holocaust survivor, made the trip from New York out of nostalgia. "It is such a mixed feeling." she said. "All this that has happened to me is coming

■ Ooe of the last legacies of the Secood World War came to an eod last night wheo £12m of looted Nazi gold was transferred to Albania. But the one-and-a-half tons of gold, which has sat in the vaults of the Bank of England for 50 years, is expected to remain there on deposit rather than be shipped out to Albania

Mickey finds a place in French life

Mary Dejevsky

After almost five years of warily getting to know each other, the French and Mickey Mouse are finally reaching an accommodation. If it is not exactly true love, at least the relationship is proving lucrative all round.

that Disneyland Paris, ooce described by the Paris intelligentsia as a "cultural Chernobyl" and doomed to a loss-making future in the marshes of the Marne, is now



Disneyland Paris: Three times as many visitors as the Louvre

the biggest "paid for" tourist at-traction in France. With 11.3 million visitors it receives twice as many visitors as the Eiffel Tower and three times as many

as the Louvre.
Its hotels, moreover, with
names like New York, Davy Crockett and Sequoia lodge, which grate as roughly as ever on the French consciousness, enjoyed an occupancy rate last year of 64 per cent, which was higher than the rate in central Paris. The figures come not from Disney, but from a survey commissioned by the local

Seine et Marne region.

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paying to go to the top, and visit at least the precincts of the Louvre without paying, but everyone who goes to Disney-land must pay. The occupancy rate of central Paris hotels in 1995 was depressed by the ter-vorist bombing campaigu. The publication of the route

for next year's Tour de France clinching evidence that Dis-neyland Paris, which abandoned its "Eurodisney" nomenclature two years ago, has found a place in French life. Anything more quintessentially French than the tour would be hard to find, but next year's penultimate stage, following three weeks and 4,000km of racing, will be hold in Mickey's kingdom,

There will be time-trials against the Disneyland back-drop. The cyclists will be ac-commodated in the Disney hotels, and will set off next morning for the prestigious final leg into Paris and the sprint finish at the Champs Elysces.

The tour has passed through Disoeyland ooce hefore, in 1994, but this is the first time that a full stage has been held there, and hosting the start of the prestigious final day is a sig-nal honour.

Needless to say, such honours do not come free. According to the tour organisers, there is a standard cost of 650,000 francs (£81,250) for hosting a stage. The advertising benefits that Disneyland can expect from several hours of live television coverage, however, are likely to

make the price worth paying.

Alas for indigenous French culture, the Asterix theme-park north of Paris has oever even had the Tour de France pass by its home-grown warrior heroes. "Unfortunately, we don't have the means," said a spokeswoman. "It would be very advantageous to us, but we just

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Hilmi, 11, joins the band of martyrs

Patrick Cockburn Husan, West Bank

Eleven-year-old Hilmi Shawash was buried yesterday in the cemetery of Husan village near Bethlehem, 36 hours after a Jewish settler is said by Hilmi's family to have killed him with a kick to the neck as he came home from school.

"I was waiting for him to come home for lunch and we were going to go out and pick olives afterwards," said Aishi Mahmoud Shawash, Hilmi's grandmother, as she walked home from the funeral through

The settlers say he was throwing stones, but that is no

The settlers say that he was throwing stones

but that is no reason to kill an 11-year-old boy'

reason to kill an eleven-year-old

As Hilmi's family returned to their home at the bottom of a narrow lane Israeli soldiers could be seen chasing protesters through an olive grove firing tear gas canisters, rubber hullets, stuo grenades and live rounds. Clouds of gas drifted through the village and loudspeakers mouoted on military

Jeeps announced a curfew. The man who is alleged to have kicked Hilmi to death is Nahum Korman, a Jewish settler in charge of security at the small oearby settlement of Hadar Betar, who is oow in custody. Layla Shawash, a cousin

America, says Korman 'con-tinued to kick Hilmi after he had fallen to the ground".

Tahrid an 11-year-old cousin of Hilmi who was walking back from school with him at 2pm last Sunday, gives a similar account of his last moments. He says: "Suddenly a Jeep pulled up. We fled. A settler got out of the Jeep and ran to Hilmi, who was hiding behind car. He kicked him in the face, and then hit him again on the head with his hands, and battered him also with his pistol."

Korman, described by settlers at Hadar Betar as a quiet man, not physically strong, who always wore glasses, apparently heard that Palestinian children were throwing stones at Israeli vehicles. He drove his fourwheel drive into Husan, a sprawling Palestinian village surrounded by Jewish settlements, and decided to make an example of Hilmi.

His death is part of an upsurge of attacks by settlers in recent days in what appears to be an effort to assert their strength in order to stop the Israel government from redeploying its troops from Hebron, 20 minutes drive south of Husan. When Yasser Abed Rahbo and Ahmed Tibi, advisers of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, visited Hebron yesterday they were surrounded by 50 settlers who shouted "Dogs" and "Hebron is ours" and cursed the Prophet Mohammed.

Surprisingly, Hilmi and his father Salim turned out to be Isracti citizens. Salim, a stocky man who had worked for years as a truck driver for an Israeli company, lives in the large oeighbouring Jewish settlement of Gilo, just south of Jerusalem. Hilmi was only in Husan to help pick olives and go to school," said his cousin, Layla.

Standing in the forecourt of



Palestinian tragedy: Hilmi Shawash is carried to his grave in the village of Husan

that his daughter, Subah, was also likely to die. He said: "She needs a booe marrow transplant

said the death of Hilmi meaot match. We asked the doctor if the wall, Hilmi's mother said she we could take bone marrow was in the Hadassah Ein Karem from him even if he was dead." hospital in Jerusalem arranging Inside the Shawash home, filled the booe marrow transplant

In the settlement of Hadar Betar, a cluster of mobile homes surrounded by barbedwire, settlers were eager to ex-plain that Nahum Korman had never lived there. Mordechai Melchek, wearing back skull cap, said: "He was a security deputy and lived in Efrat |a larger settlement]. What happened in Husan is a long way from here. We have good relations with Arabs. I'm astonished. I don't believe he would kick a boy of 10 years of age."

Mr Melchek wanted to make clear that although the settlers at Hadar Betar were religious "we are not ideological settiers. We came here because we

are poor and eight years ago the government gave us cheap land here." Overall, however, the settlers of the West Bank are oo the offensive. Bassam Eid, of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, says: "The settlers are trying to demonstrate their strength under the oew government." In Husan. meanwhile, there were already posters on the walls with a picture of Hilmi, a shy-looking boy in a sweater, and a text describing him as the latest Palestinian martyr.

Nato to reach formal deal with Russia

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Nato intends to conclude an agreement with Russia before the summit meeting next spring when invitations to eastern European countries to join the estern alliance will he issued, General Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary, said yesterday. Nato sources denied Russian reports that he wanted to sign the "six-teen plus one" deal, or "char-ter", by the end of this year hut said that if the Russians were keen to co-operate then the charter, bringing together pow-ers spanning the northern bemi-sphere, could be signed earlier.

Mr Solana also confirmed that Nato had no intention of hasing ouclear weapons in the east European countries that might be invited to join Nato. Russian leaders have publicly criticised Nato's intention to admit east European states as full members but they now appear to have quietly accepted that Nato will expand. They re-sponded calmly to President Clinton's announcement that the first new members, possibly Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovenia, would join on 4 April 1999. But some sort of Nato-Russian "charter"

Another powerful incentive to conclude the Nato-Russian deal is the risk that individual states, especially the United States and France, will be tempted to conclude bilateral deals with the Russians, sidelining the alliance. William Perry, the US Defense Secretary, has favoured opening Nato up to the Russians, giving them considerable power to veto any Nato actions outside the provisions of Article 5, which governs collective defence, the core of Nato's business. Nato officials yesterday described the prospect of the Russians having to approve all other decisions affecting peace-keeping or humanitarian aid, for example, as letting "the wolf into the hen

We want to get the Russians involved in non-Article 5 business but we cannot go as far as joint decision making. They cannot have a formal veto." a Nato source said

Mr Solana confirmed the broad structure of the charter. although no draft yet exists. "One can imagine this document consisting of three parts, the first of which will be a declaration, the second will be a mechanism for consultations and the third a mechanism for

Czechs and Poles pay dues to join

Adrian Bridge Central Europe Correspondent

The joy of former Warsaw Pact countries at the prospect of joining Nato by the turn of the century is being tempered by the realisation that it is going to be

The Polish President, Alexander Kwasniewski, has told de-feoce leaders Poland must double its speeding oo military modernisation over the next five years to stand a chance of fit-

ting in with Nato structures. Vaclav Havel, his Czech conoternart, also-warned his lowed his government's a countrymen that they will have oouncement that it planned to dig deeper into their pockets in order to carry their weight

in the Western alliance. The calls for more spending came just over a week after US President Bill Clinton delighted Central European leaders by saying the first wave of Nato expansion to the East should be completed by 1999. They also followed US expressions of concern that for a country anxious to join the alliance, the Czech Republic was not spend-

mg enough oo defence.
"At last we have a clear timetable for Nato member-

ship," said Pawel Dobrowolski, the Polish foreign ministry spokesman. "It was what we had been wanting to hear for a very long time but the implementa-

tion will not be easy."

According to Presideot
Kwasniewski, Poland's budget allocation on military mod-emisation this year of 8ho zlo-tys (£2bo) will have to be doubled by 2002 in order to make the country's forces fully Nato-compatible.

President Havel did not specify a figure, but his call fo greater defence spending fo slight reduction in real terms next year's defence hudget.

Although Nato officials have yet to calculate the exact co 3nst of expanding east, studies usuadertaken by organisations such as the Rand Corporation, think-tank, suggest it will be be-

High levels of milital ry expenditure in countries fundergoing tough eccommic transition are not popt clar. In the Czech Republic opsinion is divided on the merits of Nato, while in Hunga, ry many support the idea of net utrality.





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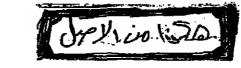
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Rwanda and Zaire on brink of all-out war

lairobi - The crisis in the Freat Lakes region of central esterday as Rwandan and Zairean troops exchanged gunfire and mortar rounds over their border. Having repeatedly denied involvement in the conflict between rebels and the Zairean army (FAZ) in eastern Zaire, Rwanda has admitted its forces retaliated when the Rwandan town of Cyangugu was shelled from across the Ruzizi River, which separates the two countries.

The Zairean forces are understood to have attacked Rwandan refugees who had crossed back into their homeland to escape eastern Zaire's war between the FAZ and the rebels belonging to the region's ethnic Total community, the Banyamulenge, Explosions sounded late into the night as the fighting continued between Rwandan and Zairean troops.

The town of Bukavu, only hundreds of yards across the border from Cyangugu, was last night poised to fall to the Banyamulenge rebels whose insurgency has cut a swathe of panic and destruction though the eastern region of Zaire. Mortars landed in the outskirts of the provincial capital of South Kivu while the rebels exchanged gunfire with the FAZ.

There are fears of further carnage if the well-armed Banyamulenge fighters manage to take Bukavu. Burundian refugees fleeing fighting further to the south say that in the rebelheld town of Uvira, 60 miles away, hundreds of people have been killed. The rebels took Uvira, at the oorthern end of Lake Tanganyika, last week.

"At Uvira the situation is bad," said one Burundian refugee who had returned to his homeland. There is nobody there except the Banyamulenge military and the bodies of people killed in the fighting. I saw hundreds of corpses in the streets."

Bukavu faces catastrophe as Tutsi rebels close in, writes David Orr

der with Rwanda remains closed

"The situation in eastern

million refugees in eastern

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Hntu rebels from entering the country along with a possible

envoy to Rwanda. The United

States has said it will not inter-

vene in eastern Zaire, while

France has said it will not be-

come involved.

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Burundi has deployed hun-

ed into the area.



uprooted from their camps in eastern Zaire by the fighting. A number of the camps, havens for Hutus who have fled unrest in both Rwanda and Burundi, are reported to have been attacked by the Tutsi rebels. Zaire claims the camps have also been shelled by Rwandan forces whom they accuse of arming the

Banyamulenge insurgency.
The Banyamulenge say they are fighting to establish their rights to Zairean citizenship withdrawn in 1981. The Zairean anthorities last month announced their intention to expel the third of a million Banyamulenge, prompting the armed

What began as a local dispute has spiralled into all-out war. The conflict threatens the whole of cental Africa. There are fears that the Tutsi-dominated armies of both Rwanda and Burundi will be sucked into the fighting on the side of the Banyamulenge. With Zaire's President Sese.

Seko Mobutu still in exile in Switzerland, where he is being treated for prostate cancer, Zaire is more unstable than ever. A government spokesman said President Mobitu had placed Half a million refugees, most North and South Kivu provinces of them Rwandans; have been under emergency rule. The bor-



Rain cycle: Rickshaw pullers battle through the flooded streets of the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka after heavy rainfall hit the country Photograph: Rafigur Rahman/Reuters

significant shorts

Berlusconi colleague on Mafia charge

One of Silvio Berlusconi's closest associates and parliamentary colleagues. Marcello Dell'Utri, was formally accused of criminal collusion with the Sicilian mafia as prosecutnrs in 500 pages of evidence against

Mr Dell'Utri, whn ran the Italian former prime minister's advertising company, Publitalia, until last year and is a deputy for the media tycoon's party Forza Italia, will face a hearing next month to determine whether he should stand trial Andrew

- Gumbel Rome

Nato to decide Bosnia force

Ambassadors from the 16 Nato countries are to meet in Brussels on 6 November, the day after the US Presidential elections, to determine the size and shape of the follow-on force in Bosnia after the present peace-keeping mandate expires on 20 December. General George Joulwan, Nato's supreme commander in Europe, insisted that no decision had been made on prolnnging the US military presence in Bosnia after next March. Christopher Bellamy - London

Serbia police break bus drivers' strike

Belgrade authorities broke a public transport strike by sending in police to disperse protesters and arresting a trade unioo leader. "Special police forces stormed into mafia as prosecutars in the hus garage in Novi
Palermo deposited more than Beograd, beat up some of the workers and arrested the president of the drivers' trade union," the head of the independent metal workers' union said.

Bus and tram drivers launched the strike only days before federal and municipal elections in the Yugoslav republics of Serbia and Montenegro. Belgrade's Socialist mayor, Nebojsa Covic, accused opposition parties of trying in provoke labour unrest before Sunday's polls. *Reuter – Belgrade*

Bad smell for Miss World

Sixteen women were arrested after smearing cow dung and tar on the outside walls of the Bangalore office of the Miss World beauty contest's official Indian sponsors. The pageant next month has attracted protests from women's groups and Hindu natinnalist politicians. Some women have even threatened to commit suicide. Reuter -

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Chubais tries to stem crisis in Russia

Phil Reeves Moscow

Top members of the Yeltsin administration are moving to toughen up their powers to counter a multiple crisis which is threatening Russia's fragile stability—the ill health of the President, millions of unpaid workers, and the non-payment of hillions of dollars in taxes.

The moves are being mas-terminded by Anatoly Chubais, he President's chief-of-staff has emerged during Boris lehsin's illness as the most



Chubais: Russia needs consolidation of power

powerful official in the country, prumpting accusations from his opponents that he is running a

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Undeterred by such attacks, Mr Chubais is calling for the power of the state to be beefed up, and has set about concentrating more authority in the hands of a select few top officials, including himself.

Although his strategy is partly to prevent a repetition of the embarrassing squabbling at the top of the Kremlin that led to the recent sacking of the national security adviser, Alexan-der Lebed, it has more to do with the country's financial crisis. Millions of workers and servicemen have been unpaid for months, including the military, prompting warnings of

unrest in the ranks. Mr Chubais has played a leading part in the establishment of an emergency tax commission. And he was the force

behind the creation of a new "council of four", comprising himself, the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and the two heads of parliament. Its job appears to be that of overseeing and uniting the different arms of government. In recent remarks, Mr

Chubais made no secret that the two new bodies are part of a process to concentrate power at the top. "The consolidation of power - instead of constant mutual intrigues, instead of public discussions, instead of endless arguments - is exactly what the country needs." Yesterday he took up the theme again, complaining of the weak-ness of the power of the Russian state, and announcing plans to set up a body which would spend laws that contradict the

1993 Russian constitution. Such activities will be seen by his critics as further evidence that he is a power-hungry Kremlin of-ficial exploiting Mr Yeltsin's heart ailments to create an un-

democratic regency.

However, his supporters are likely to see his actions less as an attack on democracy, and more as an attempt to solve several urgent crises.

In the first nine months of the year, the government collected only two-thirds of the tax it needs to meet its spending commitments. In addition, Russia's wage arrears bill now stands at \$7.7bn, (£5bn). Tax cheats are one reason that millions of workers have gone unpaid since the summer. But the problem is complex. Money has disappeared into the foreign bank accounts of corrupt businessmen and bureaucrats. Mr Chubais's moves are also born of a belief that central government needs more power to force the administrators of Russia's republics, regions, and territories to toe the line.

"If the situation regarding tax collection continues as it is, I think we will cease to exist as a state," said Russia's labour minister, Gennady Melikyan, "And so, the government will have to be swept out of power and new people should be recruited who could tackle this task."

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The Queen savours Thailand's taste for royalty

Stephen Vines Bangkok

At last the Queen can put domestic troubles aside and eojoy her visit to a country where the monarchy enjoys unqualified respect and Britain retains some of its former prestige.

Yesterday she viewed a ceoturies-old Royal Barge Processioo and visited the ancieot capital of Ayudhya. Thousands of Thais waved Union Jacks when the monarch arrived at the British Council and visited a university. The Queeo then retired to the banks of the Chao Phaya River to watch a final dress rehearsal of the colourful Royal Barge Processioo, in which about 2,000 chanting oarsmen dressed in traditional costumes and manning 52 barges performed the ceremony.

While the Queen attended to ceremonial functions Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, met Amnuey Virawan, the Thai Foreign Minister, to discuss British prisoners who are in jail for drug offences. Prisooers Abroad, a British group that works for the repatriatioo of

Britons serving time in foreign prisons, wants the Queeo to raise the topic.

From the moment the Queen's plane touched down at Bangkok's Doo Muang airport oo Monday and young girls scattered rose aod jasmioe petals at the feet of the British and Thai royal families, it was clear that her visit to Thailand was being given the full works of pomp and ceremooy.

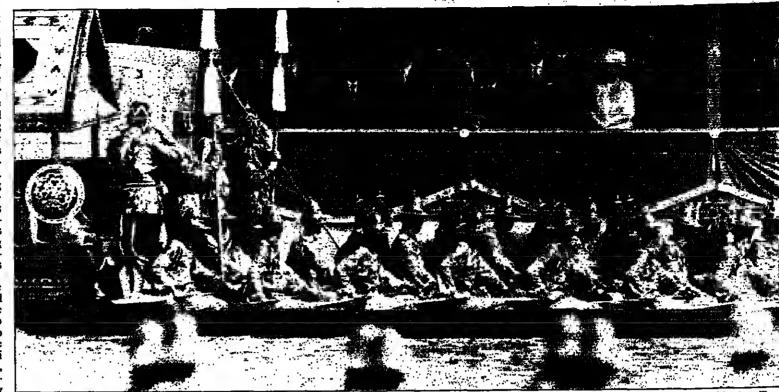
James Hodge, the oew British Ambassador to Thailand, says he has been struck by the tremendous warmth of the relationship between Thailand and Britain. This is no exaggeration when speaking of a country whose citizens are buying British cars in increasing numbers and who are warming to the delights of Marks & Spencer and Body Shop. However the strongest tie between Britons and Thais is that between the two royal families. At a state hanquet, the Queco addressed King Bhumibol Adulyadej as "Sir, my hrother" and reminded her audience of the affectionate postal friend-

Rama IV. Thailand's great modernising monarch.

That relationship started when Britain stole the march on the other European powers by gaining an audieoce at the Siamese court in 1855. When Sir John Bowring arrived there he observed Thai noblemen clad mainly in orange paint crawling on all fours towards the king. He managed to persuade the courtiers that he was oot obliged to crawl or give up his sword. The world's longest-serving

The world's longest-serving monarch still plays a pivotal positioo in Thai society. Courtiers still crawl, albeit elegantly, towards the King and Queen. His pronouncemeots on everything from democracy to traffic congestion are taken as commands rather than suggestions.

Just how much respect the royal family eojoys in Thailand was 'highlighted when the Queen atteoded a ceremony to be presented with the keys to Bangkok. As sooo as she rose to speak memhers of the Thai court jumped to their feet, causing the British royal eotourage to rather sheepishly follow their example.



Making a splash: The Queen and Prince Philip watch a rehearsal of the Royal Barge Procession in Bangkok P

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Peking puts reform leader back on trial

Teresa Poole

Back in the heady spring of 1989, when Peking's students believed they were about to change China, a skinny youth with thick hlack-rimmed spectacles was a common sight oo the world's televisioo screens. Wang Dan, a history undergraduate at Peking University, did not fit the stereotype of a flamboyant figurehead for Chioa's pro-democracy movement. But today, he will prove his persistence, as he goes oo trial in Peking's Number One People's Intermediate Court charged with 'plotting to

subvert the governmeot."

After the army's bloody, crackdown oo, the Tiananmen Square protesters in June 1989, most prominent student leaders were spirited abroad. Mr Wang, number ooe oo the government's "most wanted" students list, was less lucky. He was arrested and spent three and a half years in jail.

By the time he was released. in February 1993, China's ecooomic boom was ooderway. Mr Wang pressed on with calls for political reform and human rights. The response was pre-dictable; whenever a sensitive anniversary came around, or an important American diplomat was in town, Mr Wang would be banished to the provinces or detained by the police. In between, he gave interviews to foreign iournalists, and wrote articles for the foreign press. He was re-fused permission to return to Peking University, so he started a correspondence course in history in 1994 at the Universi-ty of California. That is likely to be produced in court today as evidence of "collaborating with

overseas subversive forces".

Io March 1994, Mr Wang wrote to the National People's Congress outlining his campaign for human rights. "I do understand that in the curreot political environment, to hold a dissident opinioo involves risk. I am prepared to he cracked down on by the security bureau or other government agencies. But I have no regrets. I believe what I do is for justice," he wrote.

By December 1994, two uomarked cars were statiooed outside his family's apartmeot hlock, and police on motorbikes would follow him whenever he went out. Mr Wang tried to sue

the Peking Public Security Boreau for harassmeot. A few days later, sitting in the reading room of the Peking library, he

was warned: "We will beat you

to death if you go out again."
Early in 1995, Mr Wang's fate
was probably sealed. He joiced
the board of directors of Human
Rights in China, the New Yorkbased pressure group, and in a
Hong Koog oewspaper he
wrote that the "negative senti-



Wang Dan: 'No regrets

reached "dangerous proportions". Two petitions followed, one calling for human rights and the other asking the government to re-assess the verdict oo the 1989 protesters and to release those still io jail.

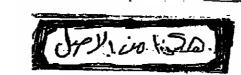
On 21 May 1995, Mr Wang

was taken into custody and has oot beeo seeo again. Family members were denied access uotil two weeks ago.

The government might have waited until oext month's visit by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, was completed but opted for a high profile court case instead. The point of today's trial is to show the world, and particularly the US, that Peking oo longer pretends to care what the rest of the world thinks of its human rights record.







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Republican candidates fight shy of flaky Dole

Report Cornwell
Vahington

than a week before Tueslay; election, Republican Conresional candidates are auting loose from their appar-ottly doomed White House contrader, Bob Dole, in an attempt to preserve their own seatsand, they hope, their party's sender majorities in the Houst and Senate. In more than 50 districts, the

Republican National Congressional Committee has started to air \$4 p (£2.6m) of advertisemeots that mention oeither President Bill Clinton oor Mr Dole by name, but urge voters not to give "liberal" interests a blank cheque" for the 105th Congress, as happened in the first two years of the Clinton administration, wheo the Democrats controlled both the White House and Capitol Hill.

Despite his own party's readi-oess towrite him off, yesterday did hring a few faint signs the gap might be narrowing. Two polls suggested the Clinton lead a hig victory, but less than 20per-margin he has enjoyed lately. The Reform Party candidate, Ross Perci, inched to 8 per cent or more, almost double his showing of the past few weeks.

Though he brushes off cotreaties from the Dole camp to withdraw, he Texan billionaire this week Evelled a withering fire on the President in his public appearances, saying the Republican was "the better man," and trat a second Clinton term would see Whitewater turn into a "Vatergate Two." Mr Perot says he President already ought to have done "the

responsible thing by resigning. Mr Clinton dismissed the "character isse" with barely a ruffle. "Tell the truth, tell the truth," students should be truth."



day," Mr Clinton retorted. Yesterday Mr Dole was again courting votes in Orange County, California, the most Republican county in the US, but where a poll shows him winning by 20,000 votes instead of the 300,000 margin needed to offset traditionally Democratic San Francisco and Los Angeles. Then, after almost four days in pursuit of California's 54 electoral-college votes, Mr Dole was due in Colorado, another state where Mr Clinton is comfortably ahead, before briefly returning to base in Washington for the night. But less than 24 hours beforehand, today's schedule was still undecided.

Trailing almost everywhere, Mr Dole can do little more than race to states where he seems to be carrowing the deficit, in the hope that his physical preswas 12 per cent, still enough for ence can convert the improvement into a win. But the tactics are a metaphor for his entire campaign, in which he has jumped from issue to issue. hlown by headlines of the day.

The latest are Democratic gyrations on campaign finance, which began with revelations that the party had accepted large sums from Asian donors. and charges that John Huang, a former Commerce Department official turned Democratic fundraiser, used his post to

this week when the Democratic party refused to file its October campaign spending report, instantly raising suspi-cions of a cover-up. But Sena-"Tell pe truth, tell the tor Christopher Dodd, the students should be Democratic chairman, "de-Ohio State University, Colum-, scribed the incident as a "tem-bes, as he set at education profit pest in a temport," and said the possels. "I but they won't be report would after all be sub-doing that I week from to- mitted on schedule.



King Kohl finds a place in history books

Bonn - German politics pass-es a milestone this week. Tomorrow Helmut Kohl becomes, on his 5,114th day in office, the longest-serving chancellor of the century, supplanting in the record books his meotor and "spiritual grandfather", Konrad

According to a poll, Germans regard him as the sixth most important leader of the 20th centory after Kennedy, Adenaner, Gorbachev, Brandt and Nelson solicit money.

The dispute took a new twist Mandela, and just ahead of Churchill. Where Adenaoer is remembered for the economic miracle, and Brandt for Ostpolitik, Mr Kohl is known as the

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'Chancellor of German unity". Both he and Adenauer came from Catholic backgrounds, both sought majorities in the centre and steered clear of the patriotic right. They were con-servatives who believed in social iustice, the social market econ**Imre Karacs** on the skill of the century's longest-serving German chancellor

sus across class divides.

Temperamentally, however, there is only a passing resem-blance. As the *Die Woche* said: "Adenauer was cold and cynical, Kohl is warm and cynical." The warmth radiates from those animated little eyes, conveyed by a pat on the back, a joke or a smile. Nobody kisses babies with greater conviction than Mr Kohl and few squeeze bands as willingly. He works hard, sleeps little and travels far and wide. He embodies German virtues of diligence, reliability, houndless self-confidence, straight talking and clean living. He may not sound brilliant, but

what he says makes sense. Sometimes. There have been

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omy and the need for consen- truth, revealing a different facet of his character. One has to look no further thao his pronouncements in the days of unification. "Within four or five years," he promised, "East Germany will bloom". Mr Kohl must have realised, like the opposition, that the east would cost a lot more to rehulld than he admitted. He won the elections, but lost a chunk of credibility. Six years on, taxpayers still send 7.5 per ceot of their earnings to the "New Lander", swathes of which remain an eco-

The cynicism is supplement-ed by Machiavellian ruthlessness. The Chancellor likes to control everything, discouraging free thinking and spontaneity in occasions when he bent the his team. Those suspected of creeping in.

nomic desert.



as 'spiritual grandfather'

disloyalty are expelled at the first opportune momeot, always timed to perfection. The danger, iosiders warn, is that a chancellor surrounded by yes-men will lose touch with reality. So far, there seems little evidence of that, hut complacency is

Adenauer, who had to be hooted out of office at the age of 87 by coalitioo allies, shared another trait with his "grandsoo". Both saw the devastatioo Deutschmark as an affront to Germans hrought oo themselves and both devoted their lives to the banishment of war. Salvation would lie in a united Europe, freed for ever of the threat of violeoce.

Mr Kohl, born in 1930 in Ludwigshafen, experienced privations under the Nazis, heard stories his father told on return from the Polish froot, and mourned a hrother who never came back. He was 14 when Walter died, and vowed to name his first-born son after him, a promise he kept 20 years later. Mr Kohl seems convinced war can return to haunt Europe unless its nations agree to pool their sovereignty.
But on this point the trust be-

tween the Chancellor and the

people is coming under strain. The vision of European integration comes through as abstract and the abolition of the common sense. Again, as in 1990, he promises no hardship, but memories of that false pledge still rankle.

As a result of German unitication, state coffers are empty. taxpayers are over-taxed and the economy is stutteriog. Because of monetary union, Europe's powerhouse cannot be stoked, est it should fail to attain the Maastricht targets. German unity, the Chancellor's most spectacular achievement, thus becomes the greatest liability, endaogering his cherished

dream of a united Europe. When Germans go to the polls in autumn 1998, at the dawn of the brave new world of the euro, they will not fail to notice the irooy.

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Diana Trilling

The American writer Diana Trilling was one of the last surviving members of the literary circle that came to be known as the New York intellectuals.

This was the group of literary critics and political writers that emerged from the ideological battles of the 1930s as leftist opposents of the Communist Party and stauoch champions of modernism in literature and the arts. Its principal literary organ was *Partisan* Review, which two young dissident Marxist critics - Philip Rahv and William Phillips managed to wrest control of in 1937 when they broke with the Communist Party, which had founded the journal five years earlier.Phillips remains the principal editor of Partisan Review nearly 60 years later, and some of Diana Trilling's bestknown essays - on the guilt of Alger Hiss and the political career of J. Robert Oppenheimer

In its heyday, from the late 1930s to the early 1960s, the group counted among its stellar talents such writers as Dwight Macdooald, Mary Mc-Carthy, Clemeot Greeoberg, Hannah Arendt, Irving Howe, and Trilling's husband, Liouel, who died in 1975. (He also served for many years on the magazine's advisory board.)

Diana Trilling was frank to acknowledge that she owed her career as a writer to the man she married in 1929, In The Beginning of the Journey, a memoir of their marriage published in 1993, she wrote that:

Without him, I would no doubt have remained just another half-educatremained just anomer nail-educat-ed product of an expensive school-ing. From Lionel, I learned not only what to read but also how to think about what I read. He gave me a lit-erary and critical vocabulary and pre-pared the path to what eventually became my caper.

That career commenced in 1942 with a regular column in the weekly Nation devoted to reviewing new fiction - a task to which, for some seven years, she brought an unfailing seriousness, if not always a perfect un-derstanding. Evelyn Waugh, for example, proved to be entirely beyond her kee when it fell to her to review Brideshead Revisited in 1946, and in a review of



Nineteen Eighty Four in 1949 she

chided George Orwell for the book's "fierceness of intentioo" and "implacable tone".

She was, to he sure, even tougher on American fiction. Writing in 1944, with the Secood World War still raging in Europe and Asia, she lameoted "the refusal of American fiction to discuss any of the political, social, or psychologi-cal realities of the war," adding that "Ideologically, the war plays about the same role in our current oovels that a storm plays in murder mysteries: it is something noisy going on outside the house to add to our indoor anxieties."

With the coming of the Cold War, however, Trilling turned more of her attention to subjects of political controversy, becoming a formidable polemicist in the cause of liberal anti-Communism, a writer who - in the view of her anti-anti-Communist opponents, anyway now seemed herself to be possessed of an "implacable tone", She was particularly implacable on the subject of Lord Russell's labours on behalf of the international "peace" movement that, in the guise of moral neutrality, was in her view clearly serving the foreign-policy in-terests of the Soviet Unioo.

career came to a dramatic climax in 1976 when her publishers who were also the publishers of Lillian Hellman's Scoundrel Time, a fanciful Statinoid account of the McCarthy period then enjoying a huge success - informed her that they could oot publish her new book of essays unless some critical references to Hellman were deleted from the manuscript. This hlatant at-

tempt to ceasor Trilling's book was all the more remarkable in that her criticisms of Lillian Hellman were written in response to the latter's attack on Lionel Trilling in Scoundrel Time for siding with Whittaker Chambers oo the issue of Alger Hiss's guilt (Hiss had been accused of espionage, and was found guilty espionage, and was round guity of perjury; Chambers had blown the whistle oo him).

Trilling's hook, We Must March My Darlings, quickly found a home with another which have but he from the control of t

publisher, but oot before the whole episode exploded into a scandal on the front page of the New York Times, prompting a ferocious replay of all the old ideological battles between Stalinists and anti-Stalinists in the New York literary world - the ceotral issue that had given hirth to the New York intellectuals as a distinct political group in the 1930s. It was a vivid re-

tened to point out of the extent to which we still lived with what she described as "the cultural detritus of Communist fellow travelling" in the post-Vietnam War period.

Twenty years later the historical veracity of Scoundrel Time has now been thoroughly discredited, and Lillian Hellman's attack on the Trillings largely forgotten. But the episode itself proved to have a curious sequel as far as Diana Trilling was concerned.

What had incurred Hellman's wrath in 1976 was Licoel Trilling's characterisation of Whittaker Chambers as "a man of honour". This was restated in his introduction to a new edition of *The Middle of the Jour-*ney, the novel he published in 1947 that was partly based on Chambers' personal history. (They had been undergraduate classmates at Columbia.) The novel was originally published, of course, before the Hiss case came to public attention in 1948, but when the case broke it gave the oovel a cur-rency it might oot have otherwise enjoyed.

and the attempted censorship of Diana Trilling's book was that she had not specifically ad-dressed the question of Whittaker Chambers' "hooour" oo that occasion. By the 1980s, however, as she settled down to the task of writing her own memoirs, she became more and more concerned to present her-self to a new, left-leaning intellectual generation as a bona fide liberal. The implacable anti-Communist polemicist of the 1950s was oow more and more concerned to denounce the rising influence of the "oeoconservatives"-many of them, like Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz, her old intellectual comrades in the anti-Stalinist battles of the Cold War. She now lived in fear that, owing to his profound critique of liberalism,

conservative movement. It was in this connection that Diana Trilling seized the occasion of an exchange of letters 1996.

Lionel Trilling might be posthu-

mously appropriated as a Founding Father of the oco-

with me in the New Criterion of May 1988 to announce that "So far as Chambers is concerned, I do have a post-trial disagreement with Lionel which I am glad to have this opportunity to record." While acknowledging that she "never argued this with Lionel", she now declared his characterisation of Chambers as "a man of honour" to have been a mistake, and ventured to suggest that, had he lived longer, "he might have amended the words he used" in his characterisation of Chambers.

As many of Diana Trilling's old friends saw it, she had now embarked upoo a project that one of them described as "moving Lionel's coffin to the left". lest the neo-conservatives take possession of it. There was even worse to come when she published her memoir of their marriage in 1993, for much of the book was devoted to a remorseless psychoanalytic deconstruction of Lionel Trilling's character. "I very much disliked the im-

age of Lionel as someooe immune to profanation," she What was overlooked in the declared, and with the headlong controversy over Scoundrel Time zeal she brought to every endeavour she undertook, Diana Trilling set about the unlovely task of mounting a protracted assault on her husband's character. His cootroversial characterisation of Chambers as "a man of honour" was now hrutally dismissed as "a careless

Needless to say, many of the Trillings' old frieods were horrified by this final turn in Diana Trilling's career, but it did succeed in winning her a decree of acciaim she had oever before enjoyed in such hastions of liberal orthodoxy as the New York er and the New York Times. It was one of those turnabout developments in the realm of cultural politics about which the younger Diana Trilling would have had some fairly devastating things to say.

Hilton Kramer

Diana Rubin, writer: born New York 21 July 1905; married 1929 Lionel Trilling (died 1975; one son): died New York 23 October



Kelly as Timur in Turandot, with Amy Shuard as Liu, Covent Garden, 1957

Photograph: Hilton Getty

David Kelly

The Scottish bass David Kelly one performance of Veit Pognwas a member of the Coveot Gardeo Opera Company (now the Royal Opera) for 15 years, from 1955 to 1969, during which period he gave well over 700 performances of some 50 roles. He was the kind of ultra-reliable singer, able to turn his hand to anything, that every company needs, but does not always ap-

preciate. That Covent Garden did appreciate Kelly is demonstrated by the large number of performances he was asked to sing popular concert singer.

and studied at the Glasgow Academy of Music. He spent a short time touring with the Carl Rosa Company, then in the summers of 1954 and 1955 sang the Keeper of the Mad-house in Stravinsky's The Ruke's Progress at Glyndebourne. Later he was to sing Trulove in the same opera for Scottish Орега.

He made his Covent Gardeo déhut on 26 October 1955, as Timur in Turandot. The following year he returned to Glyudebourne as a Priest and a Man in Armour in Die Zauberflöte, having already sung Sarastro at Covent Garden. Other roles in 18th-ceotury works included Harafa in Handel's Samson, as well as Antonio, the gardener, and Dr Bartolo in

The Marriage of Figuro. His introduction to 19thcentury German opera was as Reinmar von Zweter, one of the Knights in Tannhäuser. His usual role in The Mastersingers was Hermann Ortel, Soap-

er. Goldsmith, a much more interesting character. His other German roles at Covent Gardeo included Donner in Das Rheingold, Cuno in Der Freischütz, Vanuzzi in Richard Strauss's Die schweigsame Frau and a Man in the British pre-mière of Schoenberg's Moses und Aron (1965). At Glynde-bourne in 1959 he sang Don Fernando in Fidelio.

Kelly was particularly at home in the French and Russian repertories: he made an ex-82 in his second sessoo alone. cellent Zuniga in Carmen, sang
He also appeared at Givinto both Narbal and King Priam in
bourne, with the English Opera Les Troyens, and Crespel in Les
Group, Welsh National and Cornes d'Hoffmann. In Boris
Scottish Operas, and was d'Godunov he hiftered an amusthe title role. ing Vaariam and a fine Pimen. Kelly was born in Kilmarnock He took part in the British première of Shostakovich's Kaierina Ismailova (1963). He was perhaps less suited to Italian opera, but his Verdi roles in-cluded Dr Grenvil in La Traviata, a particularly sympathetic portrayal, the King and Ramfis m Aida, Monterooe in Rigoletto, the Monk (who may or may not be the Emperor Charles V in Don Carlos and Pistol in Falstaff, while Angelotti in Tosca and Betto di Signa in Gianni Schicchi were two of his Pucci-

ni character parts. However, it was to British 20th-century opera that Kelly made his greatest contribution. Having created the role of Snug the Joiner in Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream with the English Opera Group at Aldeburgh in June 1960, he saog Soug in the subsequent Covent Garden production later the same year. In 1962 he sang the Old Man in the premiere of Tippett's King Priam at the Coventry Theatre, and later at Covent Garden. In the revised two-act

For the appellants: (i) and (ii) Ivan Krolik (Macauley Slowe, and Louis

Glatt & Co); (Anthony Arlidge QC

and Rosamund Horwood-Smart QC

and James Counsell (assigned by the

Registrar). For the Crown: (1) Andrew

Radeliffe, (ii) William Coker QC, (iii) Jane Sullivan, (iv)- (viii) Bruce Houl-der QC and David Perry (all instructed

Lord Bingham LCI said that

under section 2(1) of the Crim-

inal Appeal Act 1968 as

amended by the Criminal Ap-

peal Act 1995, if the Court of

Appeal concluded that an ap-

pellant had been wrongly con-

victed of the offence charged,

or was left in doubt whether the

appellant had been rightly con-

victed of that offeoce, then it

must of necessity consider the conviction unsafe. The court

was then subject to a binding

duty to allow the appeal.

by Crown Prosecution Service).

(1964) he sang L Ratcliffe, while his usual rde io Peter Grimes was Hobsen the carrier. He took the part of the He-Ancie of lo a revival of A Midsummer Marriage. All these characterisations were ooteworthy for the confideol style in which be tackled them, at a time when Britten and Tippett were considered "m|dern" composers.

Kelly also gavone and a half performances of Polonius at the British premier of Humphrey Searle's Hamle (1969). The

In 1966 Kelly recorded the part of Lockword in Bernard Herrmann's Withering Heights. a virtual creation as the opera was not staged Litil 1982, sevon years after the composer's death. Herrmans who wrote many film score, including those for Citizen fene and Jane Eyre (with Orso Welles as Rochester) conjucted the recording himsel Kelly also recorded his usua roles of Lt Ratcliffe in Billy Bild and Soug in A Midsummer Nhu's Dream.

After his retirement from the opera house, lavid Kelly became a teacher the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and for our 20 years served as the head evocal studies and opera at the establishment, passing on hiown great professionalism an sense n style to a new gerration o singers.

Elizabih Forbe

David G. Kelly, operanger: born Kilmarnock, Ayrshi 24 De-cember 1923; twice mried (ore daughter); died Troo Ayrshi e 24 October 1996.

Gian Singh VC

numbed and bewildered soldiers uoder incessant fire can lose heart. It is in these circumstances that they look for inspiratioo and intelligent,

courageous leadership. At the protracted and vital Battle of Kohima in Assam (now Nagaland) in May 1944, Gian Singh had experienced the resolute and sometimes suicidal methods of attack by the Japanese who were prepared to strap grenades to their bodies and hurl themselves at advancing units. Prior to the battle, the adjutant, Major Tony "Raj" Fowler, of the 4th Battalion, 15th Punjah Regiment, sent a message in Urdu to all his companies and spoke to his forwardplaced troops, qunting from Shakespeare's King John: Come the three corners of the world

And we shall shock them. Nought shall make us rue . . .

BIRTHS

DEATHS

Had the Japanese overrun Kohima they would have gained access to the plains of India and could have attacked west to-wards Calcutta. But this attack handed. Ordering his light mawas resisted and the Japanese chine gunner to cover him, he

MILLAR: To Kate and James in Lon-

FFORDE: On 26 October, tragically in a car accident. June (nee Hynes), belowed wife of John, dearly loved mother of William, Caroline, Diana

don, a boy. Ludovic Angus Danielson, on 24 October 1995. Everyone well

knew that after the success at Kohima that they could never be defeated by the Japanese.

With the Japanese retreating, in Fehruary 1945, combined British and Indian forces made the widest river-crossing of the Second World War when they crossed the Irrawaddy and advanced oo the port of Myingyan which was being defeoded by the Japanese. Niak (which is the equivalent of a Corporal) Gian Singh was leading his platooo ahead of the rest of his battalion which was advancing down the road between Kamye and Myingyan wheo the enemy opened fire with both artillery and intense machinegun fire from behind wellcamouflaged positions and a

Singh immediately recognised the severity of the situation as his casualties increased: somehow the attack had to be repulsed. Pulling on his tactical intelligence and a deep reservoir of courage, he decided to up with his sub-machine. Although badly wounded in the arm, he refused medical attention and gained permission to attack again, this time a deverty concealed anti-tank gun which was inflicting heavy casualties among his men. He ran forward at an oblique angle to the gun and killed the enemy with both

grenades and sub-machine gun. Both his actions, hy any standards of gallantry in battle, were extraordinary. His men, previously held up, oow inspired by his example, found again the quality of courage within and followed him down the road, destroying the enemy along hoth sides as they advanced

Gian Siogh's action was certainly in the finest traditions of the 15th Puojah Regimeot and particularly the 4th Battalinn. His hero (from the same battalioo) was Ishar Singh VC, who in 1921, in fighting on the North West Frontier, with casualties all around him and severely wounded himself, had attacked the marauding hill tribes single-handedly with his Lewis

In hattle fear is infectious, but were forced to retreat. Singh assaulted forbole after forbole, gun, and later with his rifle, and medical officer was attending the wounded.

Sixteeo days after Gian Siogh's action, Lieuteoant Karameet Singh Judge, again of the 4th Battalion, eliminated 10 hunkers and was mortally wounded while attacking a oest of three more. He was to become the third member of the 4th Battalion to be awarded the Victoria Cross. Courage, it would appear, is contagious.

Myingyan was to fall later that month. The success of the hattle proved to be a vital component in the campaign against the railway junction at Meiktila. Once this had been captured, the Japanese 33rd Army lost its hold on ceotral Burma

Singh refused to be invalided out of the Army and was prominent in the drive on Rangoon, for which he received a mentioo in dispatches. Wheo India was partitioned

in 1947, the Iodian Army was divided and individual regiments split up according to religious affiliation. Gian Singh was posted to the 11th Sikh Regiment, and saw action



Singh: contagious courage

against the Chinese wheo they launched an offensive on the Indian border in 1962. He was decorated with the Indian MC and again after the fighting in After retirement, this

proud and outstanding warrior worked oo the family farm near Nawabshah. Max Arthur

Gian Singh, soldier: born Shapur. Juliundur, Punjab 5 October 1920; VC 1945; married Hardail Kaur (died 1995; three sons, two daughters); died Julhandur 6 October 1996.

Court quashes mortgage fraud convictions

boiler, but he also sang at least version of Britten's Billy Budd

Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Bingham of Comhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Blofeld and Mr Justice Cresswell) 25 October

If the particulars of offence specified in an indictment could oot, even if established. support a conviction for the offence of which the defendant was accused, a conviction for such an offence must be considered unsafe and therefore quashed. A conviction for another offence could only be substituted where such an allegation was expressly or impliedly included in the original count.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) allowed appeals by (i) Hemamali Krishna Gra-ham, (ii) Rupe Lai Knasal, (iii) Sajid Pasha Ali, (iv) Ter-ence Colin Marsh, (v) Garry Alian Graham, (vi) Paul Graham Price and (vii) David Bramish, against convictions for various offences of obtaining or attempting to obtain property

by deception. In cases (i)-(iii), which involved mortgage fraud, the court held that the convictions were unsafe, that no convictioo for an alternative offence could properly be substituted, and that a retrial would not be appropriate.

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finance or insurance companies, the court held there could be no substitution where only an attempt had been charged, hut for those counts that charged the appellants with actually obtaining property by deception, convictions should be substituted for alternative of-feoces under section 20(2) of nal Appeals); (iv)-(vil) Richard Listhe Theft Act 1968 (procuring sack QC, who did not appear below, the execution of a valuable security by deception) allegations for which had impliedly been included in the original

counts. In each case the original convictions could not be sustained following the House of Lords' decision in R v Preddy (Law Report, 17 July 1996; [1996] 3 WLR 255), that the debiting of a mortgage lender's bank account and the corresponding crediting of the mortgagor's account as a result of the latter's dishonest misrepresentation did not amount to the "ohtaining" by the mortgagor of "property belonging to" the lender within section 15

ternative offence, the osecution had to establish: (1 hat the jury could on the incoment have found the appella guilty of some other offence ffence verdicts of guilty to other of-B), and (2) that the ju must fences said to be expressly or have been satisfied facts which proved the dendant impliedly included in the counts on which the defendants guilty of offence B. had been convicted.

As to (1) it would bufficient if, looking at thendictmeot (oot the evidence, the allegation in the parcular count expressly or infiedly included an allegatin of offeace B.

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As to (2) the appearourt had only the verdict of the jury to go on. The fact that the jury did not have a proper distino as to offence B was a high relevaot consideration, a was the question whether here were reasonable groun for concluding that the condit of the defence would have eco materially affected if the ap-pellant had been chargewith

offence B. In the typical case whe the appeal court was asked exercise the power under scion 3, the alternative offencevas a lesser offence, where pre was a clear hierarchy fences at commoo law statute, eg manslaughte for murder or affray for vient disorder.

Paul Magrath, Barner

and James and devoted grandmother of nine grandchildren. Funeral service St Michael & All Angels. Thursley on Wednesday 6 November at 11.30am followed by private service at Guildford Crematorium. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Fund, eo Robert Avling FS., 25 South Road, Guildford GU2 6NY.

GREGORY: John, author and dancer, died peacefully in hospital in London on Sunday 27 October 1996, aged 82. Much leved husband of Barbara, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Nicholas Church, Cross Street, Salthouse, nr Sheringham, Norfolk, at 3pm on Friday I November, Flowrs to I love Durham Funeral Oirce tor, Ha Avenue Road, Kelling, Norfolk

Norfolk.

HARROD: On 26 October, unexpectedly in hospital, the Rev Victor Ralph, aged 63, retired parish priest, retired director after 30 years of (Gerald) Quin Cope Ltd. "He was an expert in international securities and foreign exchange". Beloved husband of Ruth, loved father of Janet, Philip and Elizabeth and round grandfather.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Prince of Wales attends the Agricultural Reform Group symposium at the Eu-rovillage Hotel, Brussels, Belgium, visits the Rue de Lacken Restoration Project, Offices, Brussels, The Princess Royal. Patron, the Basic Skills Agency, chairs the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Research Seminar at Commonscalth House, 1-19 New Orderd Street,

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Ousen's Life Guard at

Births. **Marriages** and Miss M.S. Hoey & Deaths

of Adam, Kathryn and James, Funeral service 2.15pm on Thursday 31 Oc-lober 1996 at St Nicholas Church. Harwich followed by private crema-tion. No flowers but donations for his favourite charities may be sent co R. Mr G.P. Jones

Gwinnell & Sons. 24 High Street. HOAR: Graham, aged 33, of Stammore, Middlesex, on 28 October, tragically in an accident in Peru. Beloved son of Ruth and Colin, brother of Susan and Louise, uncle of Heidi and Oliv-er and brother in-law of Alan. He will be deeply missed by his family. nesburg, South Africa friends, colleagues in the law and all

SISMAN: David, aged 76, died peacefully on 24 October 1996 after a long illness. Private funeral, no flowers but any donations to the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airman, Richmond. Memorial service to be held at St

James's Church, Piccadilly, on Sun-day I December 1996 at 5pm.

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London WCI: as Patron, the British School of Osteopathy, attends the Grad-uation and Prize Giving Ceremony at the Bringuering House. Whitehall, London (3):11

Forthcoming Marriages Mr S.M. Clarke

The engagement is announced be-tween Matthew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Clarke of Gatoumbe court, Somerset, and Melissa. younger daughter of Dr Mariana Goulandris of Yarcombe, Devon, and of Mrs James Hoey of Gozo, Malta.

and Miss R.M. Pretorius The engagement is announced between Gregory, son of Mr and Mrs Cofin Jones, of Bornehurst, Kent, and Rosali, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Siephan Pretorius of Johan-

Birthdays

Sir Charles Brett, solicitor, 68; Sir Anthony Campbell, High Court judge, Northern Ireland, 60: Lord Chilver, hairman, RJB Mining. 70; Sir Roben Clayton, former technical di-rector of GEC, 81; Mr John Dain, diplomat. 57; Mr Stephen Day MP, 48; Lord Derwent, managing director, Hutchison Whampoa (Europe) Ltd, 66; Sir Robert Easton, chairman and managing director, GEC Scot-land, 74; Professor Sir Christopher Foster, advisor to the chairman. Coopers & Lybrand Associates, 66; Sir Sydney Giffard, former diplomat, 70; Sir Malachy Higgins, High Court judge, Northern Ireland, 52; Lord Robertson, Tormer senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, 84; Mr Stanley Sadie, Editor, Grove Music Dictionaries, 66; Sir William Shelton former MP, 67; Miss Grace Slick, rock singer, 57: Miss Juliet Stevenson, actress, 40; Lieut-Geo Sir Richard Swinburn, farmer, and former Gen-eral Officer Commanding, Southern District, 59; Admiral Sir Gordon Tail. 75; Sir David Wilson, former direcfor of the British Museum, 65: Mr. Michael Winner, film producer and

Anniversaries Births: Maria Anna Angelica Kanff-

bruss Marie Anna Angelica Kann-mann, painter, 1741; Richard Brins-lev Butler Sheridan, playwright, 1751; Ezra Loomis Pound, poet, 1885. Deaths: John Chubb, locksmith, 1872; Jeao-Henri Dunant, Swiss founder of the Red Cross, 1910. On this day: Orson Welles' radio play, The War of the Worlds, caused pame in the US, 1938. Today is the Feast Day of St Alphonsus Rodriguez, SI Asterius of Amasca, SI Ethelmoth, St Germanus of Capua, St Marcellus the Centurion and St Serapion of

Lectures Tate Gallery, Turner Prize Gallery Talk: Virginia Button discusses this year's shortlist, 1pm.

Dinners Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom

Sir William Asscher, President, Faculty of Pharmacentical Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians, and Lady Asscher were hosts of the annual dinner of the Faculty of Phar-maceutical Medicine held yesterday evening at the Royal Colliege of Physicans, St Andrew's Place, Lon-don NW1. Dr Alexander Macara, Chairman of Council of the British Medical Association, and guest of ho-nour, proposed the Faculty, and Sir William Assoher responded. Sir David Jack and Sir John Vane, Nobel laureate, were awarded Honorary Fellowships at the preceding Annual General Meeting.

LAW REPORT 30 October 1996

In cases (iv)-(vii), which in-volved obtaining cheques from peal Act 1968 to substitute verdicts of guilty to other of-

of the Theft Act. The Crown argued that the should exercise its power under section 3 of the Criminal Apstitute a conviction for an al-

A peace force is the best hope for Africa's future

Talf a million people are fleeing.
The EU warns that one million people are at risk from starvation, war or disease. Three countries, ready in varying stages of disintegrason, are clawing at one other. The largest, Zaire, has ceased to exist as a fur ctioning political entity. Events in central Africa resemble a jigsaw made from shards of poison-dipped glass -

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horrific brutality amid jagged confusion.
It is difficult to believe that the world should have cause to miss the Zairean president, Mobutu Sese Seko. But his serious illness (he has been in a cancer clinic in Switzerland for two months) was the starting point for the present murderous crisis. In his absence, the dogs of anarchy and local warlordism, bred (with Western complicity) by years of Zairean corruption and incompetence, bave slipped the leash.
Titsis, established for two centuries

in eastern Zaire, have taken up arms under threat of eviction from regional bosses on the make. They appear to have vanquished a rag-tag and unpaid Zairean army, enlisted mostly for plunder. The defeated soldiers were runthing amok yesterday in the town of Sukavu. At the same time, reliable reports suggest, the Tutsi military gov-ernment in neighbouring Rwanda has seized the opportunity to settle scores with the Zairean-backed Hutu killers lurking amidst the two million Rwandans - a quarter of the country's pop-

Yes, schools

us morality

as universities have existed.

hools demonstrate.

point time and again.

Clearly, the mainstream

Sir: Morality can very much be taught (leading article, 28 October). It has been taught as a

philosophical discipline for as long

Indeed, it can be taught at school level, as secular alternatives to religious education in German

religious are not any longer in the situation to provide moral guidance. Their history of mass

murder and violation of their own

codes of moral conduct make this

However, you seem to confuse the issue of teaching ethics, which

is easy, with living a moral life. We

can teach students in school what they ought to do and how they ought to live their lives. Even

though there is a wide range of

differing ethical theories around, their practical conclusions are not

can teach

ulation - rotting in refugee camps just inside Zaire. Many of these Hutu refugees were involved in the genocide of up to 800,000 Thisis and moderate Hutus in the 1994 Rwandan civil war. They fled to Zaire when the Tutsis won. The UN-run camps have since become a base for revenge attacks on Rwanda by remnants of the defeated, genocidal Hutu army. The failure of the interna-tional community to deal with this evil presence must also carry part of the blame for the present crisis.

Attacks on the camps in the past week, probably the work of the Rwandan military despite Kigali's denials, have sent hundreds of thousands of people fleeing, some west into Zaire, and some east into Rwanda. Zaire also hlames the Tutsi-run army in Burundi which is in the throes of its own brutal Tutsi-Hutu civil war. The risk - worse, the likelihood - is that the three countries will become embroiled in the coming months in an uncontrollable medieval conflict between roving rebel bands and unaccountable armies. Some African experts fear that such a war might spill over into Uganda and Tanzania, threatening up to 30,000,000

What is to be done? The answer should be divided into two parts, present and future. What, if anything, can be done about the present situation? What can the world do. in the longer term, to police, or prevent,



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the ethnic conflicts which erupt in Africa with such distressing regularity? In reply to the first question - What Can Be Done Now? - it would be foolish to pretend that the international community will be willing to do much; or that there is much, at this stage, that we can do. Military intervention, Somalian-style, by the UN or anyone else seems inconceivable. Intervention

gainst whom and for whom? Political intervention is obviously desirable. The US and the EU - and crucially. South Africa - must do all they can to threaten, or bribe, the belligerents to pull back from the abyss

now opening before them. But we should not underestimate the difficulties. There is no Zairean government worthy of the name to talk to. Rwanda and Burundi are run by Tutsi military regimes, which have limited sympathy for the plight of Hutu refugees.
On the other hand, the Tutsis form

only 15 per cent of the populations of Rwanda and Burundi. Tutsi soldiers cannot expect to rule either country indefinitely without some form of political settlement. Some hope resides in the relative absence of revenge killing by the Tutsis now in power in Rwanda. Further suffering and killing are

unavoidable but it would be wrong to exist under the general authority - if give up completely on these two tiny, beautiful, but benighted countries.

Zaire - the original Heart of Darkness - may pose much the larger threat. If President Mobutu dies, the virus of anarchy and violence could spread from eastern Zaire throughout that vast country and beyond.

That terrifying prospects bring us back to the second part of our question. What can be done to stop, or police, such ethnic and post-Colonial conflicts in Africa at an earlier, less intractable stage?

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, was touring Africa this month, peddling the idea of an Africanmanned, but US armed and financed, permanent sub-Saharan peace force. A similar idea, French and British trained and UN financed, has been discussed meffectually between Paris and London, Predictably, Mr Christopher's ini-tiative annoyed the French. It also failed to impress African leaders, who were suspicious of Washington's attempt to cut out the United Nations.

The idea remains, in principle, a good one. Once the US election is over and the Clinton administration can mute its poll-driven UN-phobia, the concept should be urgently re-examined. The Americans and Europeans should forget their differences and pool their expertise and resources. An African peace force for Africa should

not the bureaucratic control - of the United Nations. If not the UN, who would decide acceptably when such a force should be deployed? Crucially, the South Africans must be involved, for the moral authority and military

strength they would lend to the scheme. It would be unrealistic to expect such a force to be created and trained quickly. But events in central Africa - especially the prospect of nuclear meltdown in Zaire - suggest that time is limited.

Shephard called in by the head

Tohn Major is reported to have had a "good conversation" with Gillian Shephard yesterday. She subsequently "clarified" her views on caning - polspeak for denying she had said what she said an hour or so earlier. (There's a fine moral example for the young.) Let's hope it was a worthwhile conversation. In it, presumably, the Prime Minister talked about the Tories' credibility if their Education Secretary sounds off, promising policies the Cabinet has no intention of adopting. Let's also hope, more fervently, be said something uncompli-mentary about going back to the bad old days when we thought it was acceptable to beat children with bits of wood.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



Michael Heath's Britain: The Alternative Booker Prize for Fiction

LOOKING .

that different in most situations. The question, however, that many young people ask in a country ravaged by 17 years of Conservative rule, is: why should they live a moral life? As a society and as ethicists we need to provide an answer to this question, and mdeed. I think we need to provide this answer at a very early stage in our education of children.

UDO SCHUKLENK . Lecturer in Applied Ethics University of Central Lancashire Preston

Sir: There is a good deal of truth in your leader beading "The lesson is that morality is unteachable". However, the long history of our Judaeo-Christian tradition shows that it is not the whole truth.

Of course, buman freedom means that moral teaching must be freely embraced if it is to last. However, it is not enough to put the main burden of imparting good living to the next generation on parents who will be "the main source of exemplary conduct" plus learning by the example of those around us.

We have been living on our capital reserves of morality for a long time now without paying sufficient attention to them; all the evidence is that present-day results are not what we want.

If there were to be no general teaching in schools about moral and religious values, the downward trend would almost certainly continue. We may disagree on the most effective ways of putting moral values before the next generation whilst they are at school, but to remove morality and religion from our schools and leave it to the good people in society has never been sufficient. HUGH LINDSAY Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria

The writer was Roman Catholic Bishop of Hecham and Newcastle 1974-1992 Sir: The July report by the School Curriculum Assessment Authority described an excellent set of moral

values for the school curriculum together with the necessary philosophy in support.
The authority's findings agree totally with the conclusions of the people who matter - the pupils -

when and if they are allowed weekly opportunities to discuss and share their feelings with each other about personal and social issues. They, and they alone, do the

teaching and healing.
This occurred over a 15-year
period in our large comprehensive

school. The pupils learned to respect themselves and care for others. They were never taught morals. This approach was so effective that the young people asked us to see that all schools adopted this policy because it had changed their lives—whether high or low achievers. ROBERT K McKECHNIE

Sidmouth, Devon Sir: It is hard to believe that they really mean to foment subversion among our young by introducing "citizenship lessons" into the national curriculum ("Teachers call for little citizens", 28 October). They've presumably forgotten the

meaning of words as usual.
We Ukasies are subjects, not citizens, our rights and responsibilities being the stuff of legislative happenstance, not constitutional guarantee. What they must actually intend for the kids is "subjecthood drill". SPENCER HAGARD Cambridge

Sir: There is a fundamental problem with the morality crusade aunched by the well-intentioned Frances Lawrence and the not-sowell-intentioned politicians jumping on the bandwagon.

Moral values cannot be conjured out of thin air and used to create a better society. Morality is the product of society, not the other way round.

We live in a society based on exploitation and cut-throat competition. That society creates its own (lack of) morality. To create a different morality we need to build a society based on cooperation and equality. But that means challenging capitalism, and none of our

hypocritical political leaders are prepared to do that. PHIL WEBSTER Clitheroe, Lancashire

Sir: One aspect of the "values" debate appears to have been ignored. That is the need to integrate concepts of power and responsibility. As a start we could begin to change the language we use more emphasis on "the corridors of responsibility" and "responsibility struggles". When did we last hear of people "lusting after responsibility"? BRUCE LLOYD Principal Lecturer in Strategy South Bank University London SE1

Sir: With all this moralising and Christianity becoming all the rage is there anyone left on the political stage who wants to pander to the votes of us amoral atheists? STMON GARDNER Cheddington, Buckinghamshire

Miserable Brits Sir: My husband and I find it ironic

that whilst you report on French "morosue", we are used to popping over to France for a few days to escape the doom and gloom that has pervaded Britain for as long as we can remember. The only places, on our travels, where we have come across so many gloomy faces were Communist Moscow and the former East Germany. ROSMARIE CRAVEN-MAEDER Ringmer, East Sussex

US misguided on monarchies

Sir: It is not just the British monarchy which many in the United States find "profoundly offensive", in the words of Godfrey Hodgson ("He's not our Uncle Sam", 25 October), but this antipathy to the principle of

monarchy is nothing to be proud of.
Successive US administrations have promoted, or connived at, the abolition of monarchies across the globe, such as Hawaii, Italy, Libya and Iran. Which of these is any better for being a republic? When will the United States have the courage to admit that it made a fundamental error in failing to support the Shah in 1979? The Iranian monarchy's replacement by a republic bas resulted in untold nisery for the Iranian people, violent attacks on innocent people around the world, the rise of Saddam Hussein, destabilisation of the whole Gulf region, a costly war in Kuwait and a continuing crisis in

The one exception to America's anti-monarchy policy was Japan, where General MacArthur very sensibly argued for retaining the Emperor. Has it gone unnoticed that the Iranian republic is a dictatorship which exports terrorism, while the Japanese Empire is a democracy which exports transistors?
DONALD FOREMAN Secretary-General The Monarchist League London WCI

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Ulster bloodbath is for the birds

Sir: I was somewhat alarmed to read in a letter by RA McCartney (22 October) of his fear of a hloodbath in Northern Ireland in certain circumstances: principally the withdrawal of Britain from the country. He believes that this would bring about a slanghter of about 100,000 legally held lethal

weapons at their disposal.

Northern Ireland has a different licensing system to that in Britain. The figure for privately held weapons includes airguns, pers protection weapons issued to people under threat, and people involved with animals which can be

Why does RA McCartney assume that only Protestants hold legal weapons? Let me just say that for over 40 years I have been shooting in the company of members of both persuasions - just as many Catholics as Protestants and we have got on famously, whether on the clay pigeon range

or by marsh or covert. A Catholic friend, on seeing your letter, remarked: "I wonder what he thinks we'd be doing, seeing probably a quarter of the guns are in our hands? Sitting waiting to be done in?"

Your correspondent is fortunate that he can put his name and address to his letter while I cannot, lest I target myself as a holder of firearms to the wild men of either side. Name and address withheld County Antrim

Fight for babies

in foreign jails Sir: Your article "Fears for babies in foreign prisons" (28 October) outlines some of the problems experienced by British women held overseas. Prisoners Abroad is very concerned for these babies and their mothers.

The number of women held overseas has increased over the past two years from 5 per cent to 10 per cent of the total of detainees. Prisoners Abroad is supporting around 120 women, the vast majority convicted for a drugsrelated crime. The simple answer to request for their early release, but this may oot be in the best interests of justice.
Two possible solutions may meet

both competing needs. First, where possible, these women could be transferred hack to the UK to complete their sentences. Where this is not possible, optimal prison settings should be provided.
CARLO LAURENZI Executive Director Prisoners Abroad London ECI

Co-op was first Sir: The Consumer Co-operative

Movement anticipated the announcement by Sainsbury (report, 26 October) with the opening of the Wholesale Society's deposit and loan department in 1871. Although initially intended to service the retail societies, it achieved full clearing bank status in 1971 and today leads the industry in ethical banking. RICHARD BICKLE University of East Anglia

Where are the modern muses?

Sir. While I welcome the fact that you placed nine women on the front page ("The Muses for a modern Britain are unveiled", 25 October), I fear that the chosen Muses do not live up to their original models - not least because they include not a single poet or literary figure. Richard Samuel's original

painting, exhibited at the Royal Academy annual exhibition in 1779, portrayed a group of controversial intellectuals of cultural prominence and commercial success.

These important predecessors of Mary Wollstonecraft included Charlotte Lennox, poet, author of The Female Quixote and first scholar to uncover Shakespeare's sources for the plots of his plays, Elizabeth Carter, poet and translator of Epictetus; Elizabeth Montagu. Voltaire's impressive adversary in her best-selling Essay on the Genius and Writing of Shakespeare; Catherine Macaulay, Whig historian, pamphleteer and educationalist; Ânna Barbauld, poet and critical editor of The British Novelists; Hannah More, poet, playwright and moralist; and Angelica Kauffman, a co-founder of the Royal Academy who practised the traditionally masculine and public art of history painting, as well as portraiture and interior decoration. She produced designs for Montagu's salon in Portman Square, a famous literary meeting place.

These women corresponded and read each other's work throughout their lives, conscious of their status as sister artists and cultural pioneers. In painting a group of ground-breaking professionals, Samuel's painting differs from more conventional portrayals uf merely "accomplished" females. He created an important document of feminist and literary history.

Where are the poets and writers in today's version? Where are the Germaine Greer, Wendy Cope, Rachel Whiteread, Marilyn Butler, Iris Murdoch and Jo Brand? A truly modern Muse might paint her own figures of inspiration. Any suggestions? ELIZABETH EGER King's College, Cambridge

Hardly a lady

Sir: In his review of my production of *The Doll's House* (26 October), Paul Taylor refers to "a 'lady' in what looked to be a party of backers seated in the main box". He continues: "During the performance this female received four calls on ber mobile phone and took them at length in the corridor by the side of the auditorium, thus making what sounded like discussions with ber commodities broker compete with the play for the attention of half the stalls

Mr Taylur may be assured that the "lady" is not one of my backers. My backers are theatre-lovers. The lady was unknown to me and will remain so.

THELMA HOLT London WC2

Right wheel

Sir: Some MPs are against the proposed Ferris wheel across the river from Westminster. How can participants in parliamentary question time object to anybody else having fun going round and round in circles? PATRICK CAFFERTY

Is the NHS safe under Dr Blair's team?

The Opposition's once distinctive stance on health has dissolved for lack of fresh thinking. Jack O'Sullivan examines a failure that the Tories will exploit in the general election

he NHS may be in poor shape, but its condition is nothing like as moribund as Labour's performance on health, After 17 years sounds competent. The succesin opposition, the party no longer has a stance on the NHS that is either distinctive or continuous them. Virginia Bottomley, to the vincingly deals with the problems that the service faces. The mined Kenneth Clarke (who serious question is; can Labour run the health service any better than the Tories?

One very senior NHS official says privately of the current cash shortage in hospitals: "It's as bad this year as it has ever been." He closed, when David Barber, a hole-in-the-heart baby, had his heart operation cancelled five times, and when John Moore, then in charge of health, was politically destroyed and Marthe 1991 health service reforms.

prospect to send Labour frontbenchers rushing to the despatch box with a searing critique of government failure and a thought-out set of solutions. Yet the Opposition is strangely muffled on the NHS. Gone are the days when Robin Cook harried and humiliated his then opposite number, William Waldegrave. And Labour is as short as ever of fresh ideas.

our over the NHS. At last it has a credible Health Secretary. Stephen Dorrell looks and more sure-footed and deterpioneered the first tranche of NHS reforms) did little to boost public confidence that the health service was safe with the Conservatives. In contrast, the business-like Dorrell is good at short-term management. He stiould know, having dealt with the winter of 1987, when thou-sands of hospital beds were with accident and emergency provision and shortages of intensive care beds, and takes

pre-emptive measures. Dorrell will probably take the sting out of the looming 1987-style crisis. He got himself into a mess by winning too policy review which resulted in little during the last public expenditure round. And he is You might expect this averse to going back for more respect to send Labour front-mid-year: his leadership ambitions dictate that he must look tough on public spending. But Kenneth Clarke will probably rescue his ideological ally. Expect managers in the NHS to be told that there will be plenty of money in the pipeline in the next financial year - they should muddle through with a hit of

creative accounting. But the Major government's

John Major's government avoidance of political crisis is has a more confident demeanrell has learned to avoid obvious pitfalls. It is also thanks to Labour's complacent attitude, which has focused on scoring points in opposition rather than

constructing a viable alternative.
In the past four general elections, Labour has played a neg-ative game over the NHS, issuing dire warnings. It has been a cheerleader of professional groups such as the doctors, vociferous in their opposition to change. And the Government

But what did Labour's opposition amount to? That the NHS needed more cash and that the Tories' changes would lead to privatisation.

The message rang true for voters. But it was a cynical tactic, because, in reality, Labour offered little alternative to Tory policy, an inadequacy overlooked in the hysteria about funding shortfalls and the supposedly sinister hidden agenda of the Tories.

This time around, these tac-

tics may not wash. Labour has as good as admitted that the NHS run by Tony Blair would not be very different. There would he almost no extra money: the hest that Chris Smith, Labour's new health spokesman, could offer at the party conference was an extra £40m, glcaned from administrative savings, to cut cancer



surgery waiting times down to two weeks. This is a drop in the ocean, given that the NHS costs more than £42bn a year. Gordon Brown's determina-

Labour from tax-raising charges means that Chris Smith's hands are tied. This reality is reflected in a policy document, New Agenda for Health, being published today by the left-leaning Institute for Public Policy Research. "From where we stand now," it says, "there will be no significant new public money for health care in the UK." Then there is the supposed

ideological gulf, said to have distinguished the two parties. That has all but disappeared. Labour now accepts the allimportant separation of purchasing by health authorities from the provision of care by hospitals and other NHS units. The party still rails against GP fundholders, but goes along with the principle that family doctors should be key figures in deciding what care hospitals should provide. There is much casuistry about the language of contracts and markets, hut, under Labour, health authorities and GPs would still strike deals with hospitals.

So what has all the noise does under all governments as been about? The damaging a general election approaches). impression is that Labour has been crying wolf. Worse is the fact that, after 17 years in oppotion to leave no hostages to the sition, Labour has precious Tory propagandists and protect little fresh to offer on how it

> The rapid turnover in Shadow Health Secretaries is one reason for this failure. Since Robin Cook moved on in 1992, David Blunkett, Margaret Beckett, Harriet Harman and now, over the past few months, Chris Smith have beaten the Labour drum. None has shown much sign of inno-vation beyond catching up with the Tories on the structure of the NHS. Compare Labour's idle performance over health with, for example, its tenacity in seizing the agenda over crime policy.
> All of which has left the

Government with an opening to destroy any Labour election challenge on the NHS. "The Tories are planning to go for them in the run-up to Christ-mas, because they don't think Labour has a policy," says one health expert.

In his conference speech, John Major indicated the new strategy when he promised that the health service could expect generous funding (as it always

to our consciousness some time in the early Eighties,

by the appearance of com-

when the whole comedy

as Beyond the Fringe, as

and as surrealist as Monty

Python. Nothing like it had

been known hefore, unless

you knew about Max Miller, The Goon Show, Monty

Python or Beyond the Fringe.

Comedy because, as one of

It was called Alternative

a general election approaches). Next week, the Prime Minister will himself take the lead in a White Paper on the NHS, which will declare that the health service is "part of the continue to be there when we need it." The document high-lights that since 1979 NHS spending has risen annually on

average by 3 per cent in real terms. Real annual increases in dred million pounds short. tax-funded spending will con-The Government is avoiding tinue under the Tories, the paper states. And the old threatening language of markets and competition, which voters felt so nncomfortable

he White Paper slaps down the rightwing argument, put forward by Sir forward by Sir Duncan Nichol, the former NHS chief executive (now working in the private sec-tor), that the NHS is becoming unaffordable because of the inflationary effects of technological progress and caring for more elderly people. Medical advances may well bring savings as well as fresh costs, says the

document hopefully. The age-

with, has been excised, as it has

been for several years from

ing population, It adds, may not have as costly an impact as once feared: the rate of increase in numbers of very old people is slowing. Many elderly people live for many years with "mild to moderate health problems".

The White Paper's vision smacks of wishful thinking. All is not, in fact, rosy, as demonstrated by the panic currently gripping the system because this year's funding is a few hun-

the hig issues. It has failed to show leadership in rationalising the NHS. Most health experts are convinced that there are too many hospitals, duplicating activities. Why, for example, should Leeds have both St James's hospital and Leeds General Infirmary, each with department heads who doubleup the same roles? But, after the rows over the closure of London hospitals, politicians are running scared.

There is also an urgent need to make sure that the health service is not only cheap but effective. It is extraordinary how, nearly 50 years after the NHS was founded, we know so little ahout which treatments really work. Professor Michael Peckham, former director of NHS research and develop-

ment, has estimated that film could be released by eliminating ineffective procedures.

Today's IPPR document calls for an "NHS Effectiveness Index" to identify health outcomes of treatments. Chris Smith recently indicated that Labour is now more interested in "effectiveness" than altering the structure of the NHS.

But policy innovation remains much slower here than in the United States. There, Alain Enthoven, the Stanford Uni-versity professor who inspired Margaret Thatcher to reform the NHS, has suggested changes which, if applied to Britain. could dramatically alter medical practice. His research in the US suggests that Britain could get by with a quarter of the hospital beds currently used, given the opportunities of day surge and primary health care. In the US, whose insurance-based system has traditionally been slack on cost control compared with the NHS, hospitals are being closed in a much fiercer rationalisation than has happened

This news will not warm the hearts of many health professionals. And doctors will not be happy with a recent study in the Journal of the American Medical Association. It argues that plenty of their work could be done by nurses. If best practice were followed, the study said, the US could, by the year 2000, manage with about 150,000 fewer doctors - 25 per cent less than at present. Similar reductions might be available here. Alan Maynard, Professor of Economics at York University says: "Britain could also be facing a radical overhaul in the way we use our medical workforce.

Meanwhile, US doctors are tightly controlled by strict treatment protocols, currently bases mainly on controlling cost, h., which will increasingly reflect research on which treatments

produce the best outcomes. Finally, there is the issue of rationing: who gets what. Like it or not, hard decisions will have to be taken about how the NHS sets its priorities. "Wc need some national leadership on these issues," says Chris Ham, professor of health policy and management at Birm-ingham University.

One option, he says, would be to follow the example of New Zealand and establish ground rules, hased on effectiveness, setting out the type of patients who should gain access to treatments that cannot be afforded for all. So far. politicians have shrunk from this prescriptive role for fear of the electoral consequences. They prefer to turn a hlind eye to

locally determined decisions. All of this reflects how political debate about the NHS has, died long before the problems. have been solved. It may be that the Conservatives, if they win the general election, will rediscover the vigour that characterised their management of the NHS in the early Nineties. But there is now a large doubt about Labour. Will the party have a good answer if voters ask, for the first time in decades: "Is the NHS safe in Labour's hands?"

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rom time to time I bring you a Where Are They Now? feature, in which we look back at the names of forgotten celchritics and ask whatever happened to such people as Mike Yarwood and General Galtieri. Today I thought it would be instructive to turn our attention to things. Things that were once familiar, objects we once lived with, but which have vanished from our lives without leaving a farewell note. And to ask the question: where are they Alternative Comedy

Alternative comedy hurst on

Kington its early practitioners said, "If you didn't like comedy, this is a good alternative" Ben Elton now writes novels. Irish Question, The The Irish Question is always with us, but it always changes just as soon as it looks like attracting an answer. The Irish Question used to be "Why can't the Irish stop all this muliarkey and live together in peace? but recently it has changed, and the Irish Question is now as follows: "Why has Ireland suddenly become so damned fashionable, what with every bar in sight being turned into an Irish so-called pub, and this Riverdance

Filofaxes ain't what they used to be moving from the waist up, and Father Ted being so popular and Irish comedians scene was shaken to its roots winning the Perrier Award all the time, and Roddy edians who were as rude as Max Miller and disrespectful Doyle, and all that, will you tell me that, ch?" Fizzy Water inventive as The Goon Show Fizzy water used to be very

common till about 10 years ago but has been totally replaced by "sparkling" water. The Feelgood Factor The feelgood factor is not much talked about these days, as it was always being predicted but never arrived, rather like Norman Lamont's little green shoots. People are sometimes nostalgic for the days when the feelgood factor

was being predicted, but not for the thing itself, a curious example of nostalgia for something that never existed. Filofaxes Filofaxes were loose-leaf

diaries which you could add to by huying new pages showing international air schedules, useful phone numbers in Bahrein, tube maps of Glasgow, etc. People even used to buy each other Filofax supplements as Christmas presents. What happened was predictable, though no one ever predicted it: namely,

Filofaxes got heavier and heavier and people started being crushed to death by them, or falling over under their weight and having serious accidents. They were banned in several countries as a health bazard, and that, combined with the arrival of the personal organiser, was the writing on the wall. Basics

Basics were something that John Major wanted to get back to. Whether he ever did was not vouchsafed to us, and if he liked what he saw, and whether they were any different from the Victorian values which Margaret Thatcher wanted to get back to, was similarly not disclosed. Experts now tend to think that basics never existed, rather like the feelgood factor.

Mid-term Blues Mid-term hlues was a legendary kind of music born of dissatisfaction among the mass of downtrodden British voters. They found that when they voted the Tory government in, they were landed with it for the foreseeable future, and voiced their heartfelt despair m such songs as "Spin Doctor at My Door", "

the Next Local Elections" and "One Lot's as Bad as Another". Mid-term blues seems to have faded in popularity, like world music and karaoke, being replaced by something called Britpop. Manchester United strip The management of Man-chester United discovered several years ago that you could make a fortune by changing the pattern and colour of your playing strip every few weeks, and forcing admirers to pay out for a new shirt each time. Why football supporters should want to buy football shirts to wear, when they'll only freeze to death during games, is a mystery, but it seemed to work. However, the plan backfired and the players found themselves so confused by the change of playing strip that after a while they failed to recognise which players to recognise which players were the opposition and which on their own side. which explains their recent tendency to let in five or six goals in each game. The next playing strip for Man Utd is going to be in black, showing a gravestone with the names "Newcastle" and "Southampton" engraved on them.

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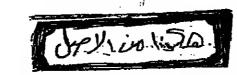




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nonsense with nobody

Will Blair seize the role of great reformer?

the bubbling surface of political argument has been an intense, spume flecked maelstrom in the first few days of the new session. The Tories have had a terrible time, seeming barely in control of their agenda. "Give us answers!" shoot the Oppositioo benches: "Give us elar-ity!" Yet the higgest unanswered questions, a few months before the election,

are on the Labour side. This week's brief erupoon in the submerged struggle between Gordon Brown and Robin Cook over Labour's attitude to the single currency reminds us, or should do, that we don't really know where Blair stands on the two great issues which will define his posi-tion in late-Nineties politics.

The issues are the single

currency itself, and political reform generally. They are not, in that strangely archaic expres-sion, bread-and-butter questions. But how Blair plays them if he wins office will define the sort of country we live in around the year 2000. A fifth consecutive Tory vic-

tory would produce clear answers it is inconceivable that they would vote for the abolitioo of sterling or embark oo root and branch reform of the system that has yielded them such rich rewards.

Bot Blair could still go either way. He could decide against EMU for the time being. This would remove the Tories' biggest unifying issue in Opposition – it would cancel heroic parliamentary scenes currently being dreamt about by Portillo and Redwood. It would also ensure

that Labour didn't oeed an austerity pro-gramme to prepare for membership, instead, the oew government could enjoy the fruits of the economic recovery.

Caution oo EMU would sit naturally with caution on the constitution. Blair could limit himself to reluctantly implementing a mini-

malist Scottish assembly and turning the Lords into an appointed super-quango. New Labour would inherit the earth, and not seek to change it very much. Compare that with the alternative, in which Labour Britain embraces its federal European, also more sceptical on the currency question future and goes quickly for radical reformation. In all this, Blair sceps to be standing back home. Membership of the single currency is and observing the argument without finally matched by the passing of powers to English committing himself. His colleagues endlessly ns as well as Wales. And partly because of the difficulties of getting this through Westminster, Blair unleashes the pro-European centrist consen-

sus so long hidden in British politics, by announcing his conversion to voting reform.

This is not impossible. Serious Tory tacticians are seriously worried about it. If the talks oo constitutional reform between Labour's Robin Cook and Bob Maclennan of the Liberal Democrats, publicly announced yesterday, are not merely cynical, they suggest that Labour is alive to the possibility of a referendum leading to a different electoral system.
That, in my view, would mean the Lib Dems

moving away from some of their purist positions on PR; whether they are able to or oot may yet become the litmus test of their seriousness as a national force. Such a Lib-Lab deal is full of dangers but also of opportunities. By making it rational to back smaller parties, voting reform might split the old Conservative party into rival Christian Democrat and

Andrew Morr

Labour is at a crossroads on voting reform and the single currency. It's time we knew which direction it

mild English conservatism. It will take would confirm Britain as a country in which croney politics worked - the small villageoatioo Rupert Murdoch exploits so well, a land of private clubs and handshakes dominated by a few friendly play-ers. Going the other way would release energies, shake op the old hierarchies, change the shape of power. Potentially, it would make Tony Blair a reformer of the historie stature

British-Nationalist parties.

If that happened, Blair would find himself presiding as

ring-master over a majoritar-

ian alliance of new Labour,

Liberal Democrat and even

pro-European Conservatives.

By conventional calculations,

such a parliamentary leader

would be almost impossible to

dislodge, having achieved the

kind of remaking of a previous political order that even the ineffable Bill Clinton can only

Heady stuff, isn't it? Cer-

tainly, these are disconcertingly different oew Labour futures. One is the continuation of the

present by other means, the other a radical break.

affect almost everything in public life. Staying outside the

Unioo and avoiding deep

reforms would buttress today's

Choosing between them will

dream of.

of Gladstone or Lloyd George.

Yes, in the real world, the choice would probably be more muddled and ragged-edged than it seems when hriefly sketched out by a journalist. But, given the great forces at work in European politics and the senility of the British political system, Blair couldn't eventually avoid such a choice. The underground battle between Gordon Brown and Robin Cook is part of this argument. Cook is more of a political reformer than Brown; yet he is assume that Blair is slightly more hostile to EMU than Brown is, and that he is also more hostile to voting reform than Cook is. But

they're guessing. The Blair-Brown-Cook conversation about all this is intense, and private and has not leaked - which says a lot about new Labour's pre-election self discipline. Keeping it quiet is very clever politics, since Labour's potential voters are divided between those who hope Blair's a radical and those who are scared stiff that he might be. But as the election draws oearer, the country oeeds to know more. It is time to start tapping on the glass.

The alternative to crime and exclusions

by Polly Toynbee

magine our world turned on its head. You wake up one morning turn on the *Today* programme, and bear politicians saying bizarre things. They have stopped talking nonsense about a fundamental moral crisis. They have stopped boasting about their own moral, Christian and family credentials. They have got off their soapboxes about children such as Sarah Taylor, a 13-year-old from the Ridings school - one of 60 disruptive pupils threatened with expulsion - who has just given birth to a baby girl.

First you hear the magic words, What this problem

really needs is some money thrown at it." Then you hear the politician say, "It's no use wringing your hands and moaning about the appalling behaviour of demon children, teenage mothers, scrounging fathers and extended criminal families. Let's do something about it that really does work."

A panophy of excellent pro-jects is then laid out before your unbelieving ears, all of which have been evaluated and

proven to work. The Rockbottom Estate has high crime, high unemployment, terrible local schools, vandalised tumble-down buildings, many helpless single mothers, fathers adrift, and high drug use. Crime and drugs from Rockbottom burst out and frighten the life out of the surrounding district. Does Rockbottom need a moral lecture?

It needs practical projects that work. Here are just some sample schemes from a huge array, all of them deeply underfunded, struggling, often closing down despite proven success. Paresting: National Newpin is an intensive scheme for mothers who are not coping. At a cen-

tre, with mentors offering friendly support 24 hours a day, they explore their own emotional problems - usually severe, having themselves been unmothered. They develop their relationships with their babies and children and learn how to play with them. Most of the proers who have themselves been through Newpin. Children from Newpin do better in every way when they get to nursery and primary school. It costs £3,000 per family - money rapidly saved on future expensive problems. Newpin is currently closing, not opening, centres, for lack of money.

Nurseries: All murseries greatly improve children's chances. Results of the seven and 11year-old tests are already show-



Sarah Taylor, a mother at 13, has brought on the usual moral braying. With a little money in the right places, we could make a difference

ing the oursery children doing best. But intensive therapeutic A summer university in Louprogrammes for deprived children have astounding results. from America, where children followed over 30 years had a 30 per cent lower crime rate when they grew up, with half as many on welfare. Seven dollars was saved on crime and benefits for every dollar spent. The Home Office no longer funds British High Scope, which strug-gles for funds. It should be in

every deprived area. Out-of-school schemes: Every child should have a piace in an after-school club, with special teachers, to learn, as well as play. don's Tower Hamlets, using college premises, shows what can be done, 1,700 children joined during the holidays, gaining all kinds of certificates. Crime in the area plummeted. The virtually extinct Youth Service can offer similar results, given a

One of the most successful headteachers in a tough district never excludes pupils, because she says their behaviour has improved sharply since they joined a brilliant local play scheme emphasising drama. The Millennium Trust turned

down a bid to create 1,000 such schemes at a cost of £200m. Care: 51,000 childreo in care grow up to cause a great deal of come from care. Hardly surprising, since three-quarters leave care with oo qualifications at all (nationally, only 9 per cent do as badly). One m seven girls leaving care is pregnant or already has a baby. These most vulnerable children who will do most harm get virtually no therany or treatment and no education. Yet each child in care costs £34,000 a year, or £100,000 in a secure unit. Helping famibies and catching problems early

would save money. Once these children are in care, investing in their treatment would yield rich Pregnancy: While bad boys do

ctime, bad girls do themselves in

by getting pregnant. Research shows that areas with many well-publicised birth-control clinics for the young have lower pregnancy rales, which is why teenage pregnancy has been falling recently. Exeter Univer-sity recently showed how an intensive 30-boar course in sex education for 12- to 16-year-olds bugely diminished the number having under-age sex, compared with an identical neighbouring school. It cost £45 per pupil, peanuts compared with the cost of abortion, let alone hirth. Housing estates: the Priority Estates scheme and others show

what works - permanent pro-fessional workers helping residents' associations to thrive with money they control for repairs. These estates need teams of caretakers un call, police foot patrols, high-quality youth clubs, adult education and training. Crime: For offenders, the right schemes can halve the oumbers who re-offend, both in the community and in prison. This means therapy in highly focused groups. But it works. So does education and bieracy. A recent Chief Inspector of Prisoos report showed how high use of good therapy in Latchmere prison cut in half the number wbo re-offended, compared with similar prisoners elsewhere.

So imagine a new world order in which social workers were highly trained and highly valued. Teachers were well-paid and praised. We would be proud of all they could do, give them resources to do it and glow with a sense of our public morality as

When pin-striped prats, wet behind the ears, brayed abuse in Parliament at teachers and social workers, the people entrusted to do good on our behalf, they would be boosed off the beoches.

"But surely," asks an astounded James Naughtie, "all this will mean raising taxes to pay for it?" "Yes, indeed." says the politiciao. "But we will explain to the voters that if they are really panicking about the disintegration of life at the bottom, if they live in terror of crime, we can do something for sums of money that are not colossal. We are not going to give handouts to the poor. because that does little good. But we will use taxpayers' money wisely and show how well social investment pays."

Why Cook is wrong

Christopher Haskins on reaping the benefits of monetary union

The debate about the Single European Currency must conceotrate on two distinct possibilities: the impact of Britain joining at the outset hut, equally important, the consequences of Britain remaining outside after EMU comes into existence. In my view, the positive benefits of joining EMU are not sufficiently recognised and, more critically, the harmfol effects of remaining outside are. seriously underestimated.

The case for joining EMU must be based on strong economic criteria. Britain must join EMU only if it has been well structured and has the confidence of the financial markets. It is inconceivable that the project will get off the ground without such

In these circumstances our increasingly volatile currency and our teodency to resort to devalua-tion and inflation, which has meant that our interest rates, even today. are one and a half points ahead of Germany, would immediately be stabilised. This would bring savings for mortgage holders, private sector companies and borrowers of all kinds. Taxpayers would also benefit because they would be paying less to service government debt – amount-ing to some £10 per household per

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Next, companies would no longer be required within EMU to pay commission to change currencies, and we would no longer oeed to operate in derivative markets to hedge against future currency

changes.

If EMU becomes a reality and
Britain decides to remain outside, the negative effects would probably exceed the benefits of membership which I have just outlined.

It is understandable that people such as Rohin Cook are anxious about some aspects of membership remaining outside we can retain our years. However, by remaining outof EMU, but when he argues that by

competitive he is surely mistaken. The markets would conclude that, if this is the reason for remaining outside, they would have oo confidence whatsoever in the stability of sterling from the outset. The government of the day might therefore be forced into an immediate devaluation. which would create inflationary pressures and probably trigger a negative reaction from those European countries that had joined EMU. If the government chose to protect the currency, it would have to raise interest rates sharply, thereby hitting private and corporate borrowers and increasing taxpayer liabilities.

EMU would bring savings for mortgage holders, companies and borrowers of all kinds

The only sensible course for a British government is to continue to apply a macroeconomic policy which ensures low inflation and sound public fmances. This means effectively following the criteria laid down at Maastricht as a precondition for EMU. We would thus end up in the absurd position of complying with the criteria of EMU, without enjoying the advantages of membership, including the ability to influence

monetary policy within EMU.

The establishment of a Central European Bank, an essential part of EMU, inevitably implies a reduction. of our sovereign influence over monetary policy, though this sovereign power has in reality been already massively reduced over the past 50

right to devalue and thereby remain side EMU, but still a member of the European Union, we would abandon virtually all infinence over our mouetary policy.

Few would argue that Britain has attracted significant inward invest-ment from Asian and North American companies solely through its membership of the European Union. Our financial institutions, our language and many other factors appeal to would-be investors.

But what would happen if Britain were not a member of EMU,

thereby creating financial uncertainty and serious donhts about our long-term commitment to Europe? Surely foreign companies would then much prefer to invest in countries that are members of EMU rather than one which is outside. Thousands of British jobs would be

lost as a result.
Finally, for those who take the line that EMU is a good idea for Britain, but not yet, I would suggest that it would be much more difficult to join later rather than sooner. If, by remaining outside, Britain loses competitiveness compared with those who are members of EMU, then it will be even harder for us in join the party at some later stage.
The achievement of EMU will out

be easy for any country - that is widely recognised - hut the historic momentum of the European movement will probably mean that a single currency will become a reality during the course of the next British parliament. It will take great political courage for a new government to decide to go ahead with its main European partners in this venture from the outset - but doing so would still be the right decision. To take the more timid option of delaying would be to store up much greater economic and political problems at a

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Your rights as a print consumer

government and opposition parties move from any suggestion that the press should be subject to statutory regulation. Whether their overriding concern is press freedom or electoral advantage, the undoubted power of the press is the real issue.

The continued excesses of the tabloids during almost every major tragedy, and indications that the reformed Press Complaints Commission has yet to win the confidence of the public, are reminders that all is not well in the relationship between the Fourth Estate and those who purchase

Falling circulation may worry the marketing and advertising depart-ments of the national press, but millions of people buy newspapers. The familiar argument of editors and proprietors that no one is forced to huy their paper, and that anyone unhappy with the product can always purchase another ode, must be set against the strenuous efforts made by their own marketing departments to persuade us to switch to their product. From where they sit, newspaper publishers regard their readers first and foremost

Perhaps, therefore, the time has come to look at the recurrent problem of dissatisfaction with the behaviour of the press from a conventional consumer viewpoint. Consumer charters are based upon the reasonable expectations of the purchaser and the reasonable guarantees of the producer. They define the contract between manufacturers and those who purchase their products. So why not a Readers' Charter?

How would readers define their reasonable expectations of newspapers? Almost certainly accuracy would top their list of demands, closely followed by the publication of prompt and prominent corrections or PressWise. Tel 0117 941 5889 apologies when inaccurate informa-tioo has been published. They might

he closer we get to a general also like to know when "exclusives" election, the further away both have been paid for. They might even have been paid for. They might even request a right of reply for those who are vilified by the press. In the past 15 years, five attempts

to gain the statutory right of reply have been scuppered by the press. But why? The French, Austrians, Norwegians, Spaniards, Swedes and Dutch all have such a right.

A serious consultatioo exercise is required to discover what kind of charter readers want. Few political parties would risk becoming involved, but the challenge has been taken up by a small, underfunded organisation called PressWise, founded by former "victims of press abuse" and backed by concerned journalists and lawyers. Our hope is that the broader coosumer movement will take up the challenge. We are unlikely to get much help from the press.

In a last-flitch effort to avoid statu-

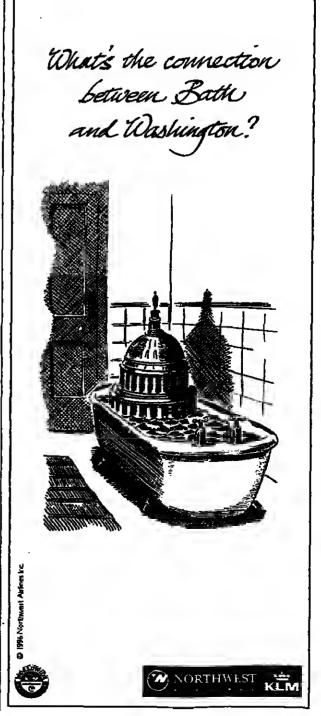
tory regulation, editors and proprietors devised a code of practice. The industry also funds the Press Com-plaints Commission it set up to adjudicate on complaints. It is a style of self-regulation to which the press rightly objects when it is conducted by the police, parliamentarians or any other guardians of the public good.

PressWise believes that a Journalists' Charter is also needed. Together such charters would define the relationship of trust that should exist between journalists and their readers. That should make for a better product and increased sales. It would also strengthen the democratic principles that underpin the notion of a free press without having recourse to statutory regulation.

If we swallow our pride and think of ourselves as consumers of newsprint, perhaps we can turn the tyranny of the marketplace to everyone's advantage.

The writer is executive director of

Mike Jempson



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Secret PIA document names biggest pensions offenders

Nic Cicutti

Prudential, Pearl, Legal & Gencral and the TSB head a secret list of insurance companies with the worst record in dealing with the pension transfer scandal.

According to documents obtained by the independent these companies are among 26 which have contributed almost threequarters of the 560,000 mis-sold pensions now under review.

Details of the review, overseen by the Personal Investment Authority, the financial regulator, were supplied to its board members at a meeting earlier

The figures were deemed so

Despite an undertaking by the PIA that priority cases would be dealt with by the end of last year. only 14,000 policyholders had been offered compensation to-talling £26.75m by the end of last month. Fewer than that have re-

So concerned is the PIA at the failure of its members to car-ry out the reviews that Colette Bowe, the regulator's chief executive, presented a paper at its board discussing the merits of "naming and shaming" the worst offenders.

Ms Bowe has warned the Treasury that unless progress is sensitive that those present reached on dealing with the were asked to hand back their problems, including a change in

to be disclosed by public sector schemes, it will "discredit" the regulatory system.

However, Ms Bowe's paper, jointly written with other senior PIA officials, warns that setting new deadlines for members "might simply provoke cyni-cism and downright disbelief; we will be creating a new rod for our own backs.

The pensions review was set

in motion in the wake of a report in November 1994 by the Securities and Investments Board, the top City regulator. The SIB report argued that some 1.5 million people may have been mis-sold a personal pension or wrongly advised to leave a company scheme. Compensating victims of the scandal was initially thought likely to cost the industry more

The documents seen by than £3bn, although this has since been revised downwards.

Of the victims, some 350,000 were deemed to be "priority cases", where the policyholder has already died or is close to retirement. Priorities include cases where a person was encouraged to leave an existing company scheme, join a per-sonal pension and transfer all the occupational funds into it. In March 1995, the PIA, which took charge of the pension review, said it wanted urgent cases dealt with by Christmas. But it has been em-

broiled in a series of battles with

companies and financial advis-

board members show that Prodential has identified more than 41,000 priority cases. So far. however, the company has offered redress to just 10 cases. Other offenders include Cooperative Insurance and Pearl.

which have racked up more than 36,000 priority cases each. Each company has now com-pleted assessments of about 1,350 cases, with the Co-op offering redress to just 10 people

and Pearl to about 650. Legal & General, another leading UK insurer - whose chief executive at the time was Joe Palmer, the PIA's current chairman - has 24,500 priority

sation to just 214 people.

Independent financial advisers. who have connected more than 40 per cent of the personal pensions market, contributed a relatively low 15 per cent of cases needing review. IFAs have also completed more than one third of all the cases so far assessed.

The secret report by the PIA also shows vast differences in the responses from policyhold-. ers to letters from companies asking them to take part in the review. Some 58 per cent of the Pru's customers replied, compared with less than 50 per cent of Norwich Union clients.

A Prudential spokesman said: "The redress we have so far offered does considerably

understate the work we bave carried out for this review. We have sent out 663,000 questionnaires to policyholders, plus a reminder. We have about 200 people working full-time on comment on the document.

Line is not known.

"I have been talking to quite

number of people and con-

the pensions review in four different offices and have committed more than £20m to getting it right."

A PIA spokesman refused to

Anglo buys out Bock for £257m

Michael Harrison

Dieter Bock yesterday sold his 18.3 per cent stake in Lonrho to the South African conglomerate Anglo-American for £257m and announced that he is standing down as chief executive of the mining to hotels group ahead of its forthcoming demerger.

The announcement marks the end of another chapter in Lonrho's colourful history which began when the German financier bought his stake four years ago and then proceeded to fight a hitter battle to oust its founder Tiny Rowland before unveding plans to break up the business.

chief executive by Nicholas Morrell, previously Lonrho's deputy managing director, but will remain on the board as nonexecutive deputy chairman.

The sale of Mr Bock's stake to Anglo-American gives the South African mining and in-



New chapter: Dieter Bock will hand over the reins

dustrial giant a 26 per cent shareholding in Lontho and de facto control of its mining interests when they are demerged Ironi the African trading operations in the next three months.

Mr Bock meanwhile will be free to re-invest the profit made on the sale of his 18.3 per cent stake by becoming a hig sharebolder in the African trading business. One option will be for Mr Bock to acquire his shareholding in the trading business from Anglo-American.

Separately, Mr Bock said he expected to be able to announce the sale of Lonrho's Metropole and Princess hotels "shortly". The Metropole chain is set to be bought by rival hotel group Stakis while Prince Al Waleed of Saudi Arabia is said to be favourite to acquire the Princess Hotels husiness. The two hotel sales should

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together raise about £650m, enabling Lonrho to float its mining and trading businesses largely free of dcbl.

Julian Ogilvie Thomson, chairman of Anglo-American, said it did not intend to make an offer for the remainder of Lonrho's shares adding that its increased shareholding represented a long-term investment.

But be went on: "Over the long term Anglo-American looks forward to supporting and contributing to Lonrho's mining business

He also said that Anglo had a good relationship with Ashanti Goldfields, the African gold producer in which Lourno holds a 30 per cent stake, and hoped ties in the future to enhance that perhaps through partnerships in new ventures.

The German financier acquired his stake in December. 1992 for about £135m. The sale to Anglo at 180p a share means he is showing a profit of about £125m on the holding.

He became joint chief executive alongside Mr Rowland in February 1993 and for the next two years fought a hoardroom battle with Lonrho's founder for control of the empire he created 40 years ago

Mr Bock finally won the tussle in February, 1995 when it was announced that Mr Rowland was to step down from the

When he arrived at Lonrbo the shares were languishing at 73p. Although they have lost nearly a third of their value in the last six months, they closed 4.5p up at 163.5p last night.

A Lonrho spokesman said that since Mr Bock intended to make a significant investment in the trading business when the demerger took place it was not appropriate that he should remain as chief executive in a position to help decide the structure and pricing of the

Apart from Lonrho's African sugar, agricuttural and auto-motive distribution interests and some game lodges in Kenya, the trading division also encompasses the group's UK textile and printing business and the Dutton Forshaw and Jack Barclay car dealerships.

Anglo hought a 5.9 per cent stake in Lonrho in March, acquiring shares formerly owned by Mr Rowland and entered an agreement with Mr Bock giving it first right of refusal over his 18.3 per cent should he choose to sell in the next 18 months. service objectives are not met, for failing to meet investment

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Byatt warns

on investment

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

Ian Byatt, the water regulator. yesterday stepped up his onslaught on the privatised water companies, warning that they could face tougher price controls next year if their investment continued to fall behind agreed tar-

The annual financial review of the industry by the watchdog. Ofwat, revealed dividends paid out by regulated water businesses last year soured by 22 per cent to £1.6bm. Yet during the same period investment spending fell by E35m to £2.57ba

Mr Byatt said if the companies continued to fall below their quality and environmental objectives he would ask them not to raise hills next year by as much as the current price controls allowed. However a spokeswoman for Ofwat admitted that Mr Byatt had no official power to force the companies to comply. Ofwat has already brought forward its review of the price cap

creased concern that the industry is generating excessive cash at the expense of consumers. "If, in due course, quality and

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there will be no question of customers paying again for these objectives through higher prices," warned Mr Byatt.

Four water companies had paid out special dividends to their parent companies reflecting what they daimed were "windfall" efficiency gains achieved during the first price control period set by the regulator, which lasted from privatisation until 1994. Ofwat's figures showed dividend pay-

WATER COMPANIES' PERFORMANCE 1991-1996 Cheldents : Total inventment

ments have doubted in real terms over the past five years while pretax profits measured on the same basis have risen by a third. The cash paid out in dividends was far greater than any customer rebates so far promised.

Thames Water payout up as profits improve

Thames Water kicked off the re-porting season for the priva-tised water industry in an targets and doubling dividends, Thames management pledged to invest a further £150 over the upbeat mood yesterday with a 15 per cent rise in headline profits and a 22 per cent jump in its dividend payout to share-bolders, wites Chris Godsmark.

The news was greeted enthusiastically by the markets, with several teams of City analysts revising their profit forecasts opwards. The shares climbed 7.5p to 552.5p.
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sewage improvements. That's the customers' share of the improvements we've made," said David Luffrum, the finance director.

Profits excluding exceptional items in the six months to the end of September rose from £163.9m to £188.2m. Earnings were boosted by a reduction in losses from Thames' troubled diversification.

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Six water companies, Anglian North West, Severn Trent, South West, Welsh Water and Yorkshire have pledged to hand back

£218.4m to consumers. On investment spending, Ofwat found cash spent on improvements last year was £1bn less than the total invested in 1991-92. Yet the Environment Agency, which measures sewerage quality, had warned that progress in improving waste wa-ter standards "could have been better and quicker in many re-

The £2.57bn invested in last year was also well below the £2.9bn specified in Ofwar's current five-year performance targets, though the report admitted that spending can vary dramatically from year to year.

Thames Water defended its investment record, arguing that through efficiency gains it had managed to achieve the same improvements in standards required by the regulator with less investment in cash terms.

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NO OBLIGATION

Nic Cicutti vise on the strategic development of the company's various Peter Robinson, the former Direct Line is the UK's Woolwich chief executive ousted for alleged financial irregubiggest car insurer, providing larities, is to join Direct Line, the telephone insurer and ficover to more than 2 million motorists and increasing numbers of bome and contents polnancial services group. icyholders. In the past two Mr Robinson will report to Peter Wood, chairman at Direct years, it has branched out into Line, advising him and the a wider range of financial sercompany's management team vices including loans and morton existing and future business gages, deposit accounts and life insurance. opportunities. He said yesterday, "I have got on extremely well with Peter

Robinson joins

Direct Line

Mr Wood, who founded the company was at one stage one Wood and his management of the highest-paid husinessmen team. It is refreshing to meet in Britain, earning up to £18m them and to join a group that has such tremendous possibila year until Royal Bank to Scotland, Direct Line's join. owner, bought out his bonus for £24m in 1993. ities and is free of dogma. "Peter has said that he would

like to see Direct Line emerg-Mr Robinson's new job ing as the building society of the comes almost exactly six months 21st century. The move into savafter he was forced to quit as chief executive at the Woolwich, ings and loans has great poharely three months after being tential. Looking at its pricing structure, it certainly looks caappointed.

mutuals at their game."
He added that he would not his £300,000 post followed allegations of financial improbave a formal title at Direct Line, partly because his work would take place alongside existing management structures operating within the company. His remuneration at Direct

priety, mostly said to bave taken place during Mr Robinson's brief period at the helm of Sources within the society claimed that Mr Robinson had used company gardeners to carry out work to the grounds of his bome in Kent. His fami-

ly was also said to have gained

sidering quite a number of op-tions over the past few months," the unauthorised use of a com-Mr Robinson said The appany Range Rover. Mr Robinpointment is substantially to ad-



The Pru is too slow in settling pension claims

Remember those claims by Mick New-march, the former chief executive of the Pru, that his company had a negligible number of pensions mis-selling cases? The leaked Personal Investment Authority sta-tistics we publish today demonstrate un-equivocally that the Pru has more suspected

cases of mis-selling than anybody else.

The Pru is the biggest company in the life insurance industry, so it is perhaps not ton surprising that it is at the top of the table:

But what really leave to the table. But what really leaps out from the figures is that of 41,439 priority cases which the Pru must assess to see whether compensation is due, the job bas been completed for only 10. Proportionately, the Pru is not the worst offender, an honour that seems to go to Hogg Rohinson, which has processed just one case. Nonetheless, for a company that prides itself on its good name and reputa-tion, this is a quite disgraceful and shocking state of affairs. Having denied the problem in the first place, it is now being unacceptably slow in dealing with the problem.

The bigger scandal revealed by the statistics is the abysmal record of the industry and the problem.

as a whole. The documents list a wide vari-ety of reasons for this shambles, including the reluctance of occupational pension schemes to disclose the information on which compensation claims are assessed. There is even a new regulatory jargon to describe the difficulties, such as the "response rates roadblock" which refers to the fact that too many of the affected cus-

bered with the blame. It has warned the Treasury and the Securities and Investments Board that urgent action needs to be taken to remove the roadblocks and "avoid discrediting the regulatory system."

Certainly there is a regulatory problem, here which stems from the fact that the the PIA is still in large measure a self regulatory organisation. It remains too close to the companies it monitors. Of the PIA's 21 board members, 10 are from the insurance industry. Joe Palmer, the PIA chairman, was actu-ally chief executive of Legal & General when the company sold the 24,506 L&G pensions.

we list as due for priority assessment. The PIA's poor record in squeezing comensation out of the insurers makes the strongest possible case for a regulator com-pletely independent of its industry. Colette Bowe, the PIA chief executive, wants to adopt a "naming and shaming" strategy, by publishing the statistics. We do not yet know whether her board agreed the proposal, but today we have done our bit to help.

Tan Byatt seems rather to bave shot him-self in the foot with his report yesterday on the financial performance of the water companies - it reads a bit like an exercise in self flagellation. The water regulator is

tomers are failing to respond to questions from their insurers.

The PIA is plainly worried of being humspective, is that it leaves his own economic regulation of the industry looking somewhat wanting. In a sense, what he bas done is to expose the regulatory system's own failings by demonstrating in page after page of de-tailed analysis and statistics that the water companies have been getting away with day

ight robbery.

Take the issue of dividends. Since 1991/2, dividends bave risen 75 per cent in real terms across the industry. This is hugely in excess of even the most optimistic predic-tions at the time of privarisation. Worse, div-idends have continued to rise at a quite staggering rate even since Mr Byatt's 1994 price realise on behalf of customers all the efficiency gains achieved in the previous five years. In the year to March this year, dividends rose by 22 per cent in real terms. This despite the fact that in setting the new price limits in July 1994. Mr Byatt assumed only modest growth in dividends in line with his 5 to 7 per cent return on capital assumptions. Plainly Mr Byatt could have been a

The water companies' ability to sustain this rate of dividend growth is in part explained by the fact that they have not been investing as heavily in the water and sewage infrastructure as it was thought they would

established. In turn, this is partly because they have been more efficient in achieving required standards than anticipated. Nothing wrong with that, though you have to wonder whether the expenditure planned was ever anything other than a buge, self interested overestimate. However, here again there is worse. The report accuses some companies of plain and simple under investment. In other cases the phasing of capital investment bas been changed in a way that allows companies to achieve savings not originally foreseen in the strategic husiness plans submitted in the regulator.

So great has the industry's embarrassment of riches become that in some cases companies are voluntarily giving rebates to customers or foregoing price increases allowed by the regulator. What all this tells you is that the next time the regulator reviews prices, whether it be Mr Byatt or a succes-sor who attempts the exercise, water companies can look forward to a Spottiswoode type assault. Water shareholders should drink long and hard while they still can, for the party must surely he drawing to a close.

So farewell then Mr Bock. Or is it au Servoir? Having ousted Tiny Rowland from Lonrho and destroyed all vestiges of his power, Mr Bock is now selling out to Anglo American in the expectation that once Lonrho's planned demerger is complete, he to be congratulated for publishing such a full | need to when the pricing formulae were | will be able to huy back into the trading side,

leaving Anglo in control of the core mining activities.

No doubt these arrangements suit Mr Bock very well but we are going to have to await the small print to see if they are also quite such good news fur Lonrho's other

long suffering shareholders.

There are ubvious dangers for them here. The first is that once Anglo American is fully in the chair at Lonrho, it will run the company as if it is wholly part of the Anglo American empire. This may not be an altogether bad thing, for outside shareholders will at least be getting the benefit of a company with established expertise in mining, a company which presumably knows what it is doing.

The downside is that Lonrho hecomes

run in Anglo American's wider interests, which are not necessarily the same as those of its nutside shareholders. On the other side of the husiness, shareholders need to be wary of the terms on which Mr Bock buys back in. This will presumably be accom-plished by Angla American selling Mr Bock back his interest in the unwanted half. Given the complementary needs of both Mr Bock and Anglo, there is a very real risk bere that other shareholders are going to get disadvantaged.

During his brief tenure at Lonrho, Mr

Bock has on the whole served his shareholders well. Let's hope he continues to do so through this quite complex series of

Zeneca sees shares dip despite surge in sales

Magnus Grimond

nine months of the year. The in 1995 had not therefore been whole pharmaceuticals sector was hit by fears that the Democrats will emerge victorious from next week's US election and revive President Clinton's healthcare reforms, putting to September quarter of 1996.

Glaxo Wellcome sank 15.5p to to £1.39bn in the nine months, SmithKline Beecham was off 19.5p at 763.5p. But investors' sentiment over Zeneca, the former pharmaceuticals arm of chemicals giant ICI, was further damaged by disappointment in some quarters over the deceleration in sales growth since the half year fig-

In pharmacenticals, which represents 44 per cent of the business, turnover of £1.8bn reflected a 14 per cent advance over the same period of 1995. a 1 percentage point deceleration from the 15. per eent growth recorded in the first half. One analyst highlighted special factors which rendered the comparisons unfavourable. Sales of Zestril, Zeneca's biggest-selling drug, used in the treatment of high blood pressure and beart failure, had been running ahead of expectations in the first six months as suppliers re-stocked.

some de-stocking, he estimated. Another factor was that the Zeneca, the drugs group, saw its shares slide yesterday despite announcing a 14 per cent surge in sales to £4.1bn for the first sales of Zeneca's agrochemicals evident in this year's third quar-ter. The analyst estimated sales growth in this sector of close to 20 per cent last time had crashed to nearer 4 per cent in the July

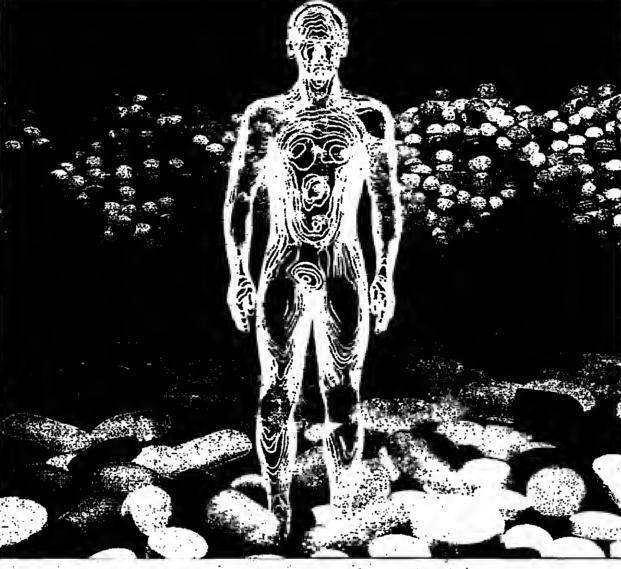
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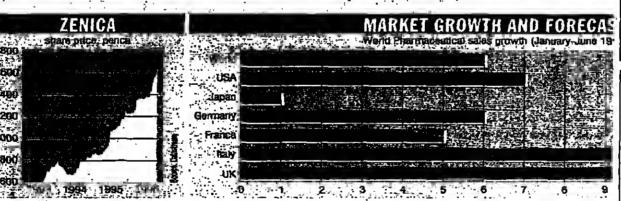
Zeneca fell 38.5p to £17.11, chemicals sales up 14 per cent or 11 per cent in local currency terms, Seeds, now part of a joint venture with Royal Vanderhave of Holland, saw turnover jump 21 per cent to £117m, an 18 per cent rise in lo-

cal currencies.

Zeneca said the sales performance for the whole of 1996 was likely to he hroadly in line with that of the first three quarters. However, the group gave warning that pricing pressures had continued in Japan and some European markets. Analysts said the Japanese govern-ment, which traditionally cuts the publicly funded drugs bill every second year, bad attempted to pre-empt the normal attempts by the industry to recover the cuts by bringing for-ward the announcement of next

year's 3.5 per cent reduction. Meanwhile, governments in Europe had also been bearing down on the rates at which they reimbursed drug companies.





Lang to approve BA link ahead of open skies talks

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is expected to give the go-ahead to the British Airways-American Airlines al-liance in the middle of next month to coincide with the resumption of talks between the UK and US on an open skies agreement across the Atlantie.

Industry sources indicated last night that Mr Lang, who re-ceived the Office of Fair Trading's report on the tie-up three weeks ago, will announce his decision in about a fortnight.

Meanwhile it emerged that talks between UK and US negotiators on the liberalisation of transatlantic air services will restart in Washington on 6 November and run for three days.

Depending on what progress government talks, there will be a second round of negotiations in London beginning on 18 November at which airline representatives from the two coun-

tries will also be present.

This would indicate that the UK Government aims to give its approval to the alliance in the middle of November to enable government negotiators and airlines from the two countries to sit down and hammer out an open skies deal.

The open skies agreement will give all US carriers access tn Heathrow. But the signing of the agreement is contingen upon the alliance between BA

and American being approved. Mr Lang had been expected to make his decision known by the end of this month but an announcement has been held up by the need to co-ordinate any statement with progress in the bilateral talks.

The BA-American alliance has been fiercely opposed by consumer rival airlines including Virgin Atlantic, United Airlines and Delta because of the stranglebold it would give the two carriers over transatlantie

Together BA and American would control 60 per cent of flights between London and the US but in some cases, such as services between Heathrow they would control 100 per

cent of the market. BA has maintained that the parallel open skies agreement would mean more competition

and lower prices.

Meanwhile American Airlines played down reports that it was poised to sign a deal worth \$10bn with Boeing for up to 100 new aircraft. Reports suggested that the

airline was preparing to order 60 of Boeing's latest long-range twin-jet, the 777, and a further 40 smaller 757 aircraft.

The third quarter had seen British Biotech price skids on £47m Grenfell sale

Magnus Grimond

British Biotech shares slid 8 per cent yesterday after two of the Deutsche Morgan Grenfell unit trusts formerly managed by disgraced former fund manager. Peter Young sold a £47m stake in the biotechnology group. The shares, strong recently on

hopes that forthcoming rescarch data will bring positive news for the group's Marimastat anti-cancer drug, slumped 20p to 220.5p, having been 23p down at one stage, as news of the sale leaked out.

The two unit trusts, the European Growth Fund and the European Capital Growth Fund, sold 22.1 million shares at 213p yesterday via a placing conducted by Morgan Stanley. The brokers refused to reveal the identity of the buyers. The DMG holding in British

Biotech, revealed as 11.3 per cent last month, followed large purchases by Mr Young. Sub-sequently reduced to 10.9 per cent, the stakes held in the three unit trusts represented one of their more liquid investments.
But although Deutsche Bank,
Morgan Grenfell's parent, was
forced to pump £180m into forced to pump £180m into the funds to buy shares in obscure continental companies acquired by Mr Young, the fund management group denied

yesterday's sale had any con-nection with the former man-

Young's replacement, had been

ceeds of the sale would be reinvested in due course and none of it would be used to reimburse Deutsche Bank.

The group still beld British

ager's activities. James Murray, funds, including the two selling had been widely anticipated. "It director of corporate affairs, today. The disposal "does not was inevitable they were going said Stuart Mitchell, Mr reflect a change in our view of to sell a chunk of their shares Biotech's prospects. Clearly if it did, we would be selling more and not just from these two I think, this morning, which is a pretty satisfactory outcome."
The remaining 8 per cent or funds". No more share sales

> British Biotech, meanwhile, put a brave face on yesterday's move. James Noble, the group's finance director, said he was un-

was inevitable they were going to sell a chunk of their shares and they did it all in 10 minutes,

so held by Morgan Grenfell was were in prospect from the unit "as safe as any other shareholding". Analysts expect fur-ther volatility in the share price in the run-up to and immediately following a forthcoming

Flextech ties up pay-TV deal

Mathew Horsman Media Editor

Pearson, the media conglomerate, and Cox Communications, the US cahle company, have reached a preliminary agreement to sell their 15 per cent stakes in UK Gold and UK Living, two pay-television channels, to Flextech, the cable and satellite broadcaster controlled by US cable giant TCI. The stakes are worth £30m each.

In exchange for its shares, Pearson will get voting stock in Flextech representing equity of about 4.6 per cent of the com-pany, although this could change depending on Flextech's share price when the deal is finalised.

It is still unclear how many votes will be attached to the voting stake. TCI is known to be seeking to avoid diluting its cur-rent holding, which gives it 51 per cent of the votes. Cox Communications is believed to have secured a similar deal. The preliminary agreement

opens the way for Flextech to complete its recently announced joint venture with the BBC to launch as many as eight pay-television channels on satellite and cable from next summer. A final agreement could be reached as early as November. It also gives Pearson a stake in a company many analysis expect will emerge as a "second force" in the supply of programming in the £1bn mar-

ret for pay-television. Negotiations between Flextech and Pearson on the new pay-television chamiels were complicated by the need to

talks involving the BBC, Pearson and Cox Communications, which were aimed at consolidating Flextech's holdings in the

Once the UK Gold and Living consolidation is formally in place, BBC/Flextech can broadcast programmes from the extensive library of the BBC, the rights to which are currently held by UK Gold, the "golden oldie" nostalgia channel.

According to sources close to the talks, Pearson has won new service contracts from Flaxtech in exchange for its agreement to sell the UK Gold/Living stakes. Pearson Television handles the transmission services for UK Living, as part of its £90m a year transmission business. Under the provisionally a repeats channel.

conclude a complicated set of agreed deal with Flextech, Pearson will now provide similar ser-vices for UK Gold, Bravo and Discovery, which is worth about £2m annually.

As part of the deal, Pearson, which owns Thames Television and Grundy Worldwide, has also agreed to move some of its production activities to Flextech's studio in Maidstone. Flextech and the BBC bope

to complete their programming deal by the end of the year. The two briefed cable industry executives and media analysts Monday night on their plans for the new channels, in a presentation one analyst said was "slick and impressive." Flextech shares rose 21p to 611p. The eight channels will include arts, sport, documentaries, current affairs and even

Lotus sells stake to Malaysian millionaire

Michael Harrison

car and engineering group, will today announce that it is selling a stake in the business to the Malaysian millionaire who controls the Proton car company. tus from General Motors in

Lotus, the Norfolk-based sports

close to Lotus's Hethel headquarters near Norwich to unveil details of the "new partnership" the company is about to enter. Proton is controlled by Yahaya Ahmad, one of Malaysia's richest men and a friend of the Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed.

change for an 80 per cent stake in Lotus. The Malaysian group would also inherit some of Lotus's debt

The future of the sports car company has been in the melting pot virtually since Mr Artioli took control. His three years Romano Artioli, the Italian at the helm bave been punctuentrepreneur who bought Lo- ated by a succession of management hust-ups and a 1993, has convened a meeting constant stream of hid rumours.

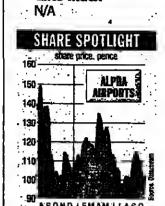
Until a month ago it looked as though the South Korean conglomerate Daewoo would emerge as Lotus's partner hut Mr Artioli and Daewoo are not thought to have been able to agree a price. A deal with Lotus would enable Proton to re-Reports last week suggested that it could pay up to £53m in ex- Japanese partner Mitsubishi. duce its dependence on its



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Disappointing Zeneca puts the wind up investors

Hurricanes - even gales - in October hring back uncomfortable memories of nine years ago when shares suf-

fered their worst setback. Pile on such unpredictables as the US non-farm jobs fig-ures, due on Friday, and the direction of interest rates and there was precious little comfort for the optimists.

Zeneca, the drugs group which has so often inspired the market, was also responsible for the nervousness. Its trading statement was a shade disappointing aod io the prevailiog atmosphere such a highly rated share was bound to suffer. The weakness spread to other drug shares.

The anniversary of the 1987 crash has tended to hauot shares after they hit a peak last week. Since theo Footsie has falleo almost 80 points with a

The seemingly remorseless strike at HTV, despite the appearance of United News & a strong swell of opinioo that perfood operations, drifted 8p

The stock market suffered a day. The US payroll figures minor attack of the jitters. have already caused dramatic gyrations this year as, on a oumber of occasions, they have come in far removed from the geoeral round of forecasts. The moothly Keo and Eddie interest rate meetings ofteo create nervousoess. Today's

get-logether is expected to leave rates unchanged. Zeneca fell 38.5p to 1,711.5p in brisk trading. SmithKline Beecham gave up 19.5p to 763.5p and Glaxo Wellcome 15.5p to 970.5p.
British Biotech, strong late-

ly on Greig Middleton support, tumbled 20p to 220.5p as Deutsche Morgan Greenfell placed 21 millioo shares through Morgan Stanley at 215p. The stock came from two of the three funds run by disgraced fund manager Peter Young. DMG still has more than 50 million shares.

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lands Electricity, which had been the market's favourite tar-

get, held at 608.5p. There is still

tion campaign is creating anx- Media with a 19.9 per cent tety for the drugs industry.

There is a worry he will, wheo elected, include in some of his pet medical projects which a shade firmer. Granada, with pet medical projects which were ahandoned wheo his a substantial Yorkshire stake presidency hit the rocks. Any re-introduction of some of his added 2.5p to 880p. Pearson. health programmes could hit where Carlton replaced BSkyB as the rumoured predator, jumped 18.5p to 756.5p. Utilities still dwelt on the US

drug companies.

Communications and utilities eodeavoured to throw some light on the day's action. The media free-for-all starts on Friday. Although many investors have already takeo up their positions there was evidence of late manoeuvring. A
Carltoo Communications figures mingling with hopes of rector John Martyn overseas bidders. Thames Lonrho gained

Turnbull is also bullish.

takeover action wafted around. BAA, the airports group down 8.5p at 515p, was the rumoured bidder. Granada's 25 per cent interest, inherited from Porte, is

for sale and a host of aviatioo and catering groups have been circling the airport catering, duty free and baggage business. Alpha came to market 30 bid for Northern Electric, down 8.5p to 639.5p despite more determined buying by bidder CalEnergy. East Mid-

mooths ago at 140p a share.
An analysts' meeting lifted
Imperial Chemical Industries
3.5p to 803.5p and Dalgety,
showing analysts its European

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Alpha Airports moved 5.5p politan, down 5.5p at 470p. higher to 102p as stories of Torday & Carlisle, the marine components group, fell 3p to 40.5p as Dowding & Mills sold its 8.7 per cent stake, ac-

quired during its failed £13.6m bid five years ago. Shield, a property group, jumped as deal maker Luke Johnson jumped on board. A restructuring involves a £494,000 cash subscription by investors led by Mr Johnson. The oewcomers will have 51 per cent of the capital. The company is to be renamed Lonsdale and seek acquisitions, which are likely to need "external funding".

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end of a US strike. Waters rose lower to 313.5p following news with satisfaction over Thames of the retirement of finance dialong near its year's low. The shares fell 6p to 281p in often Lourbo gained 4.5p to brisk trading Murmurs can 163.5p on Dieter Bock's sale of be heard around the market vodafone put on 3p to

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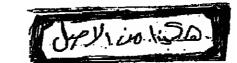
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163.5p on Dieter Bock's sale of that an unfavourable circular is about to appear. But it is said to have been delayed because, it is rumoured, the commany has taken exception company has taken exception to some of the comments.

> ☐ Shoprite, forced into a distressed sale of its once highflying supermarket chain two years ago, is enjoying one of its periodic runs. The company now has property and re-tail interest in the Isle of

Its shares have edged ahead and yesterday gained a fur-ther 1p to 19p. They had a spectacular but in the summer, hitting 21.5p. The market believes there will eventually be a revamping deal with assets injected into

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Matthew Clark woos institutions *with payout pledge

City Editor

Matthew Clark responded to growing criticism from disgruntled institutional investors yesterday by promising a main-tained interim divideod and offering shareholders the head of its branded drinks division managing director, Andrew Nash.

The cider maker yesterday denied that Mr Nash, who will leave the company in January, was carrying the can for the profits warning in September that caused its share price to plummet to less than half its previous level. But Peter Aikens, chief executive, has been asked to take direct control of that division, reodering Mr Nash's position redundant

Shares in Matthew Clark, which owns the Dry Blackthorn and Gaymer's brands as well as premium bottled drinks such as Diamood White, closed 15p higher yesterday at 315p as the City drew some comfort from yesterday's evidence that trading had at teast stabilised at the company. Following the warning, the shares tumbled from more than 600p and they had heen worth over 800p as recently as the end of May.

There was relief too that Clark appeared to have takeo the first steps towards recovery by announcing that it would appoint a marketing director to re-verse the lack of investment in advertising its brands that some critics said lay behind the company's problems.

Matthew Clark stunned the City last month when it warned that competition from so-called alcopops had dramatically reduced demand for its premium ciders while price competition had damaged its mainstream

Since the announcement rival HP Bulmer, which owns the Strongbow and Woodpecker brands, has made presentations to its shareholders suggesting that the market for



Michael Cottrell: The non-exec chairman died on Monday

cider is actually continuing to grow fast and dispoting the argument that the main victim of the suddeo rise to promineoce of alcoholic "soft" drinks had been cider.

Many analysts agree with Bulmer that Matthew Clark's problems have really stemmed from its decision not to invest heavily in hrand-building, considered by most drinks companies to be vital to continuing

Matthew Clark also annonnced separately that its nonexecutive chairman, Michael Cottrell, died in his sleep on Monday night. It is understood he suffered a heart attack.

His death is also thought to pave the way for a heavyweight

replacement at the top of the company and many observers helieve the position of Mr Aikens, who caused a furore earlier in the year with a controversial relocation package worth more than £400,000, is still far from secure.

Institutions are thought to have given Mr Aikens a stay of execution until they see the results of a strategic marketing review which will accompany interim results in January. The company has already appointed a marketing consultancy to help formulate that plan.

Analysts now expect Clark to make profits in the current year of about £50m compared with expectations before the warning of about £70m.

Thames looks back on course

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Thames Water never resists an op-portunity to crow about how its bills are the lowest in the UK while, almost

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companies, it managed to get through the summer with no restrictions on supper cent. That high payout ratio reflects worries about Labour's proposed windplies. So much for customers. The story for investors has been rather less fall tax, but with gearing of 39 per cent Themes is going to have no trouble pay-ing it. Good value.

Zeneca shows

its quality

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for investors has been rather less crystal clear.

The crux of the problem was the company's disastrous foray into international contracting, which culminated in the abrupt resignation of chief executive Mike Hoffman earlier this year and restructuring provisions of £95m. In the shake-out which followed Thames sold 60 per cent of its non-regulated businesses, which since pri-vatisation had managed to accumulate losses of £70m and a lot of bad feeling among shareholders.

Yet all of a sudden things seem to

alone among the privatised water

have turned the corner. The £225m share buyback in July did a lot to help, of course, and losses in the remainin foreign operations have been cut back from £6.3m in the first half of last year

to £1.6m in the same period this year. Finally the penny seems to have dropped in the executive boardroom that it makes little sense to dish out shareholders' cash in risky diversifications when most investors would prefer to sit hack and enjoy guaranteed dividends from the regulated domestic utility husiness.

A sounder explanation of this core strategy from the management is winning back the analysts. As one put it terday, "I've been negative about the stock for as long as I can remember, but for the first time I'm turning more

True, the 15 per cent surge in profits to £188m in the six months to the end of September came mainly because earnings last year had been depressed by losses in the non-core contracting isinesses. True also that about half of the 22 per cent dividend increase is accounted for by the share buyback, which spread the same amount of cash over fewer shares

But in broad terms the ootlook looks better than at any time since privatisation, political factors permitting. Hence the £150m discretionary investment programme announced today. Thames has cleverly spent its cash surplus on improving service quality, rather than customer rebates. The borrowing to pay for this should hit profits by £15m in five years' time.

In the light of yesterday's figures, analysts now expect full year profits to rise from £350m to £362m, which should help the shares firm a little so the yield falls from 7.9 per cent today to more worries emanating from the US. But bid speculation has sent Zeneca's shares soaring this year. They have outperformed the rest of the market by 26 per cent, with more than half that gain occurring since the beginning of Au-gust, allowing little room for disap-pointment. So news that sales by its pharmaceuticals division grew 14 per cent to £1.8bn in the nine mooths, slightly behind what some in the mar-

signify beaming what some in the inat-ket were going for, provided an ideal opportunity to take profits.

The big question is where Zeneca goes from here. Its target of 15 per cent earn-ings growth puts it well ahead of British rivals. It is also rapidly putting its house Zeneca's third-quarter sales figures yesterday continued to demonstrate the quality of Britain's third-largest drugs group. Turnover of £4.1bu in the first nine months of this year represented a 14 per cent underlying improvement over the same period of 1995, or 12 per cent when currency effects are stripped out. The growth is well over double the in order and faces no major patent expiries until 2000. Some estimates suggest new products, principally from Zeneca's cancer franchise, will generate over £1bn of sales by the end of the cen-tury, or nearly a third of the total. Some analysts, however, question the rate recorded at the half year by Glaxo Wellcome, the industry's leviathan,

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and an acceleration oo Zeneca's own figures for this time last year, when sales value of some of the new products. Accolate, for instance, hailed as the first were 6 per cent up.
At first sight, the 38.5p mark-down oew asthma treatment for 20 years, ofin the shares to 1711.5p yesterday seemed a churlish reaction. Admittedly, the price was hit by renewed poliocal fers oo advantage over long-standing inhaled steroids, according to some observers. Meanwhile, despite higher

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Share price

ratings for US groups like Eli Lilly and Pfizer, it would be hard for a bidder to justify offering much of a premium above the current price.

Maintained forecasts of £1.02hn

for this year put the shares on a rating of 24 times. A bidder may yet emerge, hut holders who have seen their investment almost triple since the ICI demerger in 1993 should lock in

Scottish Hotels presses ahead

Scottish Highland Hotels shrugged off the shelving last week of rival Prin-cipal Hotels' planned flotation. It is pressing ahend with its own market debut next month and yesterday sig-nalled its confidence by sticking with the placing price of 125pa share it settled on in September.

With six hotels in Scotlaod's central belt and only 525 bedrooms, Scottish is small even by the standards of the overpopulated, fragmented hotel sector. Its biggest challenge will have been persuading investors that it has anything different to offer but sources close to the float say the placing, to raise £13m, was twice subscribed.

At the placing price, Scottish will be valued at £30.4m, just 12.4 times post-tax earnings, making it one of the most cautiously priced issues. The company said it would have paid a full-year dividend of 3p, representing a gross yield of 3 per cent.

The former fiefdom of the Fimmers family, which remains a sizeable shareholder, the company fell on hard times in the recession and management control was relinquished to the proessional operations team who had previously reported to the family. Hamish Grossart was brought in as chairman.

They transformed the company from a family plaything to a more fo-cused business venture and since 1993, operating margins have risen from 21 per ceot to a forecast of more than 30 per ceot in the year ending tomorrow. Profits for the period just closing are estimated at not less than £2.1m from sales of £16.5m, up from the £1.4m recorded last year before a ooe-off chunky exceptional gain that distorted the reported figure. Back in 1993, prof-its of only £242,000 were made from

sales of £14.9m. When dealings start on 11 November, Scottish should get off to a healthy start. Thereafter it will have to take its chances in a seriously overcrowded

to desert Northern

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Leading fund managers were on the verge of deserting Northern Electric last night as the regional electricity company sought to bolster its defence against the surprise £651m takeover bid by CalEnergy, the US power gen-

By the close of stock market trading, shares in Northern, which rose by 25 per cent yesterday, slipped back from 648p to 639.5p. At one stage they fell to 625.5p in early trading, 4.5p below the 630p price of the allcash takeover offer from CE Electric, the company created by CalEnergy to launch its bid

It emerged that the biggest seller in Monday's dawn raid by the US predators was Fleming investment Management, which sold 5.4 million Northern shares, reducing its stake to 1.1

million. CE Electric had bought 12.72 per cent of Northern as the markets opened on Monday for £81m. Other sellers included Mercury Asset Manage-ment, the BP Pension Fund, Sun Life and Hill Samuel.

believed to have picked up a further parcel of around 700,000 Northern shares at 630p, raising its stake in the company to more than 13 per cent.

ing independent in the face of the second takeover bid for the company in two years were fading. Ooe suggested the management team had little more to offer shareholders because £500m had so far been paid out in fending off the failed £1.2bn takeover bid by Trafalgar House.

David Morris, the Northern chairman, has not ruled out fur-

In addition, CE was yesterday

Fund managers suggested Northern's chances of remain-

ther special payouts to encourage investor loyalty.

Fund managers set Senior names new chief executive

Nigel Cope

Senior Engineering's ninemonth search for a new chief executive ended yesterday when it appointed Andrew Parrish. Mr Parrish is a director of Williams Holdings where he heads the international coatings and fillers division. He will join Senior next January.

He replaces John Bell, who left the group abruptly in Feb-

strategy. Mr Bell's compensaagreed but the company yesterday declined to disclose it. Mr Bell was on a two-year contract and last year earned £222,000. Mr Bell was the third direc-

tor to leave Senior in little more than a year. These included David Bebb, who stepped down as head of the group's thermal engineering division in 1994. He was paid

of office which included the purtion for loss of office has been chase of his house. Another former director, Kevin Gamble, was paid £135,000 compensa-

Senior, which makes specialist tubing and power station equipment, said Mr Parrish would be paid an annual salary of £265,000 plus bonus and a share incentive scheme. He will be employed on a two-year contract. Explaining why it had ruary after a disagreement over £800,000 compensation for loss taken so long to fill the post the

company said there were a oumber of medium-sized companies looking for top directors hut a shortage of quality applicants. "We wanted to make sure we got the right man," the company said. Mr Parrisb, 51, has worked for Williams Holdings since 1991.

Shares in Senior have been

rising recently as it has become tipped as a takeover target. They closed 1p higher

 Retail sales of unit trusts fell by 40 per cent last month to £205m oet, the industry association Autif said. Sales through advisers increased but for the second month running there was a small oet surplus of redemptions over new sales direct to the public. In September the outflow was £38m against £25m in August.

 Mortgage lending fell from £6.03bo gross in August to £5.87bn in September the Council of Mortgage Leoders said yesterday,

but was 23 per cent up on the £4.78bn lent in September last year.

Net lending after repayments was a touch down on the month and year hut approvals for future mortgages rose 2 per ceot over August and more than 40 per ceot on September last year.

The British Retail Consortium proposed a series of measures

to ease the transition towards a single European currency and

halve the costs to retailers. According to a study by the consor-

tium, the introduction of a single currency to the UK would cost the British retail sector up to £3.5bn. These costs would include

staff training, re-labelling and the adjustment of operating and

point-of-sale systems to handle the new currency.

 Airbus, the European planemaking consortium, has signed a deal worth \$720m (£450m) with Tap-Air, the Portuguese national airline. The order is for 18 single aisle A319 medium sized air-liners.

 Sir lain Vallance, chairman of BT, has been elected a director of MobilCorporation with effect from 1 November.

• Insurance customers pay £1.1bn more than they oeed to by buying insurance the old-fashioned way, according to lan Chippendale, chief executive of Direct Line. Conventional insurance premiums cost on average 34 per cent more than insurance bought over the phone, and banks and building socieities alone pocket-ed £720m worth of unnecessary commission last year.

Psion finance director is replaced

Psion, the hand-held computer maker that abandoned an attempt earlier this year to buy Amstrad, parted company with its finance director yesterday. Mike Langley, who had headed the finance function at Psion for 11 years, is to be replaced

number two, Marina Wyatt. One analyst described the move yesterday as "brutal real-ism". He said Mr Langley, who had been with Psion since before its 1988 flotation, had helped grow the company from a £4m business to one now valued at over £300m but had reached the limit of his capabilities.

the parting had been amicable and promised a better pay-off for Mr Langley than his rolling six-month contract would legally entitle him to. Last year he earned a basic salary of £68,000, boosted by a bonus and other taxable benefits to a total package of £143,000.

Ms Wyatt, an Arthur Ander-

scribed by Mr Potter yesterday as "a powerhouse." He said Psion's major challenge would

be to keep her at the company.

The departure of Mr Langley is the latest growing pain for Psion, which was forced by a leak earlier in the year into admitting it was in talks that might lead to it buying Amstrad.



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UBS subsidiary faces Jersey fraud charges

Jersey Jil Treanor

A Jersey-based subsidiary of Union Bank of Switzerland one of its senior managers and a former Deloitte & Touche partner in Nottingham face a total of 29 charges of fraud following investigations into alleged curreocy trading losses of \$26.7m (£16.6m). The lovestigation was carried out by the States of Jersey Police, which received assistance from the Serious Fraud Office.

Cantrade Private Bank Switzerland (CI), the offshoot of UBS, said it would deny the 12 offences it is alleged to have committed between 1988 and 1993. The bank has suspended Peter Stoneman, the manager allegedly involved, pending the outcome of nine charges made

The bank and Mr Stoneman have been charged under the Investors (Prevention of Fraud) (Jersey) Law. The alleged of-fences relate to misleading and reckless statements and the concealment of material facts...

The former Deloitte & Touche partner, tax adviser Al-

the firm's Nottingham partnership in 1994, faces eight charges alleging that he made reckless,

All the 29 charges made yesterday relate to currency trading carried out in Jersey by a Dr Robert Young, who faced two separate fraud charges in Jersey's Magistrates Court in August. Some 90 investors, who placed substantial funds with Dr Young via Mayo Associates. Swiss investment managers, allege that huge losses were hidden from them.

He denies the charges and is on bail in Nottingham. He could not be contacted yesterday.

Mr Williams, who also could not be reached for comment yesterday, was an Inland Revenue tax inspector before joining Spicer & Oppenheim in 1989. becoming a partner of Touche Ross in 1990 when Spice & Op-penheim was taken over by the firm. Touche Ross subsequently merged to form Deloine &

The States of Jersey Policy alleges that Cantrade Private Bank induced investors to take part in currency deals.

Cantrade Private Bank said in a statemeot: "The charges fred Williams who retired from against the bank are being in-

vestigation, will be contested. A plea of not guilty will be entered at the appropriate time."

The hank has been summoned to appear at the Royal Court in Jersey on 6 December to answer 12 charges. Mr Stoneman will appear oo 6 November while Mr Williams, will appear at the magistrates court on 6 November. Dr Young is not due to come before the court until

While Deloitte & Touche does not face any criminal charges, the firm, along with Cantrade Private Bank, already faces civil action brought by Mayo Associates.

Mayo Associates claim that Williams audited Dr Young's trading figures, which allegedly falsely claimed trading profits. Both Deloitte & Touche and Cantrade are defending the civil action which was initi-

Deloitte & Touche said it did not act as auditor to the trading accounts and that Mr Williams who retired in 1994, provided tax and accouting advice for Dr

Young. The 90 investors are also taking civil action against Jersey's Finance and Economices Committee which they say refused in



Peter Stoneman, the manager of Cantrade Private Bank Switzerland, a UBS offshoot.

1994 to investigate their complaints about Dr Young. At the time the committee decided not to investigate the bank under its regulatory pow-ers following advice from its legal and financial advisers which said there were no grounds for concern about the hank.

While Cantrade Private Bank said Dr Young was not one of its employees, the investors allege that under a secret deal the commissions on the currency trades were shared between the bank and Dr Young.

Gill Brouchard, one of the investors in Jersey who is seek-

Changes would always be the result of a compromise in Parliament, and what the financial services industry want-

stability, she said. Labour plans to fold all the

of several of the key regulatory bodies are pressing for hig structural changes.

Knight says no to a new Big Bang

Peter Rodgers Financial Editor

Angela Knight, the Treasury minister, yesterday rebuffed pressure from City regulators and the Labour Party for radical changes to the Financial Services Act.

Speaking at a conference to mark the tenth anniversary of Big Bang - the reform of the Stock Exchange - Mrs Knight said structural change would be "diversive (sic), expensive, dis-ruptive for the industry and would take a considerable pe-

riod of time". Mrs Knight, the minister in charge of City regulation, said she had never yet found a group of people where "anything approaching a majority of those present are in favour of wholesale change of the Financial Services Act".

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City regulatory bodies into the senior regulator, the Securi-ties and Investments Board. But it also became clear this week that the chief executives

Richard Farrant, chief executive of the Securities and Futures Authority, and Colette Bowe, his counterpart at the Personal Investment Anthority, are both thought to back a radical shake-up - but they disagree with the Labour proposals for

a single authority.
Instead they favour a doubleheaded system in which regulation is split between a body responsible for the health of fi-nancial institutions and a second organisation devoted to financial consumer protection.

Mrs Knight said she pre-ferred a streamlining of the existing system with "less box-ticking and bureaucracy". In another Big Bang an-niversary speech, John Kemp-Welch, chairman of the Stock Exchange said the cost 10

Exchange, said the oext 10 years would see a huge in crease in demand for equities across the world, and London was well placed to take advan-

tage of it. In 1994 alone, nationalised industries worth \$60bn were privatised - from Moscow to Merico City - and from oow un-til the end of the decade a further \$160bn of equity would be sold, of which about 35 per cent would go to outside investors He added: Even in the former USSR privatisation figures are startling with more than 40 million Russians holding shares."

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Bentsen does his bit to harvest more sales as new boss

Lloyd Bentsen, the former US Treasury Secretary who served in the first two years of the Clintoo administration, has been appointed chairman of New Holland, maker based in Brentford.

ing to recomp \$25,000 invested with Dr Young, said: "It's taken them a long time to hring the

charges, two and a half to three

years, but I'm glad they finally helieve they have the evi-

dence." The mooey was in-

vested by her partner who has

Not that the former American Treasurer will himself be based in Middlesex. He's

staying in New York. New Holland is roughly the third- or fourth-largest tractor and combine harvester manufacturer in the. world, and was created when Fold folded its agricultural operations into Fiat's own division in 1991. Oo Friday New Holland lists on the New York stock market with an estimated cap of \$3bn. and Fiat will sell 31 per cent

of the company. In an uncanny echo of Sir Robert Mark, the former se-nior British policeman who made those risible tyre ads -"these tyres make a significant contribution to road safety" - Mr Bentsen says: "As one who has for many years owned farms, I can attest to the high quality of New Holland's agricultural equipment."

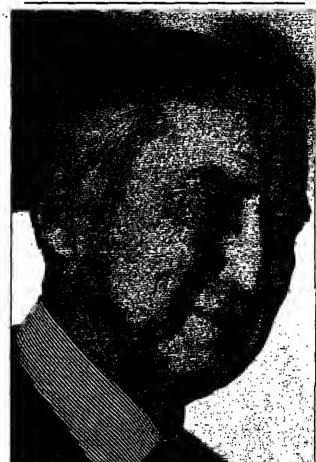
Merrill Lynch, the giant American investment bank that swallowed Londoo's Smith New Court, is making up for this economic imperialism by recruiting its first oon-American to the board of directors, David Newbig-

He is best known at the momeot as chairman of Equitas, the reinsurance company that bas takeo oo the old liabilities of Lloyd's of London More to the point, as far as Merrill is concerned, Mr Newbigging was born in China and has spent much of his life as a big wheel with Jardine Mathicson, becoming chairman and senior managing director

Having worked throughout the Far East, he retired from Jardines in 1983, came back to London and chaired Rentokil and Ivory & Sime. As Merrill's chairman, Daniel P Tully said yesterday, "his ex-tensive experience throughout the Asia/Pacific region and in the UK will be an coormous asset." Quite so. Merrill also announced that David H Komansky, 57, who is president and chief operating officer, will succeed Mr Tully when the latter turns 65 oext year.

To the plush Park Lane Hotel yesterday for the final of the Adam Smith Institute "Economy in Government" competition, presented by Lord Parkinson of Carnforth over a sumptuous lunch. The laudable aim of speoding

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Endorsement: Lloyd Bentsen, a former Clinton aide

taxpayers' money more effi-ciently drew an impressive field, and the winner was David Mills, a pharmacist from Broughty Ferry in Tayside, who has designed a re-vamp of the NHS prescribing process. Sponsors Ernst & Young

assured the eight finalists that they were "all winners". A wife of ooe of the finalists described the process as just like Miss World" with the winners being announced in reverse order. Spying the former cabinet minister, she remarked: "He really is a smoothy, isn't he."

Indeed. Lord Parkinson held the audience spellbound. with his presentation speech, in which he remarked that "one reason we have such clean politics is that we have a top grade civil service."

Clean politics? He hasn't lost his touch.

The current US presidential election campaign may be a cure for insomnia, but the Athenseum Hotel in London

has pepped it op. The hotel asked 320 US and UK businessmen and women who stayed there in October to commate who

they would like to vote for. Three-quarters of those polled were Americans, so

the answer, former Gulf war

hero Colin Powell with a quarter of the votes, was not that surprising. Clinton and Dole crawled in with a miserable 2.8 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively.

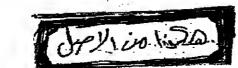
More fun were some of the other cominations, ineluding Winstoo Churchill, Prince Charles, Yasser Arafat, Wyatt Earp, Oscar Wilde and Erroi Flynn. My favourite however was "me".

Our very own market reporter, Derek Pain, is about to pass on the batoo of Stock Market Writer of the Year to the next winner. The Inchape Falshaw Award is about to be announced, at the same time as the "Goome Trophy" - an annual darts match between

City spin doctors and journalists. The trophy is named after the late Tony Falshaw, a keen darts player, nicknamed "the Gnome", who was the stock market writer for the

Daily Mail for many years. The organisers are panicking, however, since so many dart-playing journalists have jumped the wire and become PR people. They oote: 'As the PR team usually win the trophy, is this a last-ditch attempt to be on the winning team?" Probably.

John Willcock



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Taking Frisbee on to the first tee



KEITH ELLIOTT

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Ou are unlikely to see Britaio's best golfer playing Wentworth, St Andrews or Gleneagles. In fact, he would probably be chucked off before he even befted his driver. His favourite clothes trainers, shorts and a T-shirt advertising someone called Stan - are generally considered improper dress on the fairways of our snootier clubs. And so, although he bas

recorded scores as low as 46 for an 18-hole course and rarely misses a putt under 10 metres, Derek Robins remains an unknown star. To play the game as he wants to, Robins has had to buy his own course. It has no pro shop, no 19th hole to celebrate a particularly good round, and the greenkeepers are sheep. Wheo you are a disc golfer, life's little luxuries often pass you by.

Most people haven't eveo heard of the game. It is some-times called Frisbec golf, but Frisbee is simply the name of ooe manufacturer. Anyway, no right-minded disc golfer would use a Frisbee to drive off a tee, never mind as a putter. "You just wouldn't get any sort of distance. The discs are just too light and just flip over in the wind," explains Robins.

But Robins has Frisbee to thank for his present involvement and his standing as the British Disc Golf Association's national director, In 1978 he won the UK Frisbee Championships. his first of four victories. The prize was a trip to the United States, where he took part in disc golf for the first time. "I did pretty appallingly: I was about 106th out of 120. But in 1981, I was 28th and I was really hooked."

However, he rapidly found that being the country's best disc gulfer opened few doors wheo it came to finding a job, so he



Swing low; Derek Robins takes time out for a practice round on his own disc golf course near Kenilworth

went to university. It was more than coincidence that he chose Warwick, which had its own disc golf course and a strong squad of Ultimate players. This game, for those who haven't seeo it, is like seven-a-side football with a disc. It is fast, frantic and only for the very fit.

When Robins left university with a management science degree, he continued to play Ultimate and disc golf, but confided to frieods that his dream was his own course, "Everybody was winding me up, saying: You'll oever do it'." But unknown to them, Robins (clearly influenced by his job as a systems accountant) was saving hard. By 1994, he was looking for a suitable piece of land. Later that year, he bought a 15-acre site near Learn-

It had few features: the River Avoo runs alongside it and a stream bisects the land, but otherwise it was depressingly bare. Robins was oot daunted. He spent months planning out each bole, marking everywhere with hazard warning tape like a mad motorway planner. He planted 1,400 trees, mostly oak and ash. To keep costs down (work on the land has already cost him another £10,000), he lets the land for grazing, so sheep are one of

the course's hazards. "At the moment it's a bit of a pitcb-and-putt course, but as the trees grow it will become more of a challeoge. The loogest bole is 120 metres and they average 100 metres, so it's a par-three course. But the most satisfying thing is that it's all my own work."

The game is played just like golf. Players carry a selection of discs: long and mid-range drivers, approach and putters. They are slightly smaller and beavier than the discs people annoy you with oo the beach. Experts cao make them fly straight for tremeodous distances. The world record is ow just over 200 metres.

Robins, who lives at Kenilworth, usually takes eight discs which he carries in a special golf ag. "There is a lot of technique to this game. People think a disc always turns right but you have to learn the floating characteristics of discs in different wind conditions. You have to manufacture different sbots. Disc golf is a real test of skill." But the key (as with the more staid game) is putting.

"Top players oever miss from 12 metres and rarely from 15 metres," says Robins. "1'm a couple of yards down on that." The "bole" looks like a bird feeder for pterodactyls. Chains hang down from a metal post to a rim below. Throw the disc accurately, and it will hit the chains and drop into the rim. But it's oot as easy as it sounds.

In the UK, the game only has a small following, though there are now several courses, including one on the isle of Mull, and eveo an official British tour (which Robins won). The Swedes, who are always game for something a bit nutty, are the best in Europe and Stockholm alooe has eight courses. But the US even bas a professional circuit. It boasts about 500 courses and ooe in California recorded

Photograph: Robert Hallam

50,000 rounds played last year. Though Robins often plays three or four times a week (he is joint record holder at his own course, Quarry Park, with a round of 46), he has no illusions about beating the US professionals, baving played in the world championships and been roundly thrashed. They don't go round trees; they're so good they can drive right over the top."

Still, the game could end up providing him with a living. He has set up his own business importing golf discs, and hopes that one day he will be the Jack Nicklaus of the sport, spending his time designing oew courses Sheep, be says, will be an optional extra.

More information about the British Disc Golf Association from Derek Robins on 01926 864136.

All change in eventing world

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Widespread changes in the management of British threeday eventing were announced esterday, during the annual conference of the Horse Trials Group in London.

Giles Rowsell, chef d'équipe of the young riders' team since 1987, becomes chairman of the senior selection committee. The appointment means that he will also chair the new international committee, which is intended to bring "a more positive approach to the in-ternational effort over the next four years."

The appointment of a salaried international manager and di-rector of training, which was ru-moured to have taken place, is now to await the decision of Rowsell and other members of the international committee.

There will be no shortage of candidates but, according to Rowsell, no manager will not be

appointed unless an ideal can-didate emerges.

The sport is committed to a fundamental change on 1 Jao-/4 uary 1997, wheo the group leaves the umbrella of the British Horse Society. It will then be known as the British Horse Trials Association with Michael Allen, formerly in charge of finance, succeeding John Tulloch as its chairman.

Reserves of £900,000 will be left behind; they cannot be released because of the British Horse Society's charitable status. There is oevertheless great confidence in future fioances, which will bave an expected turnover of £4m oext year.

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Warwickshire make enquiry for Lara

Cricket

Warwickshire are sounding out Brian Lara about a return to Edebaston as their overseas player for 1998. Their chief executive, Dennis Amiss, confirmed that "tentative inquiries" bave been made through the West Indian batsman's London agents.
Amiss said: "The 1998 season

is a long way off, and we certainly wouldn't want Brian back uniess he was bungry to play county cricket again." Lara helped Warwickshire to

the treble in 1994 but pulled out of a contract to return this summer after complaining of "burnout" following oon-stop cricket around the world. Warwickshire next season will welcome back Allan Donald for probably his last campaign in county cricket. England A will wait on fitness

tests for three players before de-

ciding their line-up for the opening match of their Australian tour against a New South Wales XI in Tamworth tomorrow. The Yorksbire opeoer Michael Vaughan is suffering with a back strain while the spinner Peter Such and the Derbyshire fast bowler Andrew Harris, hit on the hand and foot respectively in yesterday's practice, also face checks

upoo arrival in Tamworth. England's main selection concem is whether to follow the lead of the New South Wales' selectors, who chose two spinners in their squad. If they pick Such alongside Warwickshire's Icftarmer, Ashley Giles, either Harris, Dean Headley or Glen INS, LICAN Headley OF Glen Chapple are likely to miss out. SMOLAND A fivone, a J Hollowice (cont), M A Bucher, JER Gollen, W K Hegg (Md), M P Voughan, M A Emicher, C White, O A Sharit, A Merson, J A F Gales, D W Headley, G Chapple, P M Butch, A J Hartis.

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Staying in line for the sales bargains

Lydia Hislop reports on how Jack Berry, one of the shrewdest bloodstock buyers, keeps to a budget in the auction arena

At this week's Tattersalls Autumn Sales, mortals hid to become racehorse owners. Faced with the swelling prices of thor-oughbred bloodstock, those with less readily expandable pockets may struggle to realise

Armed with less money than sense, Jack Berry has 116 boxes to fill, replete with satisfied owners, at his Moss Side Rac-

ing Stables.
"It's getting harder to find a bargain, but there's always one at every sale. I've been graced with a fair few in the past," Berry said. His life-enhancing purchases have included the Group-winning Paris House and Mind Games - for 5,000gus and 18,000gns respectively.

At Tattersalls October Sales earlier this month, Berry well-rehearsed manoeuvres.

Clients like the absent Jack Hanson were buying "hlind", requiring Berry to purchase, for inward feeling' no more than

17,000gns, any horse which takes his eye. Two of Berry's staunchest patrons, Chris and Antonia Deuters, were present to persooally procure lot 416, a halfsister to their winning two-year-old, Antonia's Choice.

Loyal as far as realism allows to the bloodlines of his former charges, Berry insists on value for his guinea. He will hid for a horse being sold for less than he deems it worth, dropping out once the price balloons beyond that theoretical bench-mark. "I put myself in the hot seat by stocking up like this," Berry said. "But it's no use telling someone later. I saw the perfect borse for you, sold to someooe else'."

He pursues a strict modus operandi, relying more on in-spiration than the ency-

cionaedie familial histories listed in the sales catalogue:
"I never look for a Derby winner. I want sharp, precocious two-year-olds and sprinters. No matter how good a horse might grow to be, if I don't think it will

win as a juvenile, I won't buy it. "Everyone here can spot a flaw at 10 paces, so what really counts is your inward feeling. If, when I see a horse, it says something to me, only then do I see whether its pedigree matches that feeling.

"They've got to be strong behind, with plenty of room up front to suggest a good heart and lungs. Small feet on a big horse will cause

problems. They 'Everyone here should be placed at this age, or can spot a flaw they'll bonkers at two." at 10 paces Cupid's arrow pierces Berry in the so what really form of lot 404: counts is your A great walker, really covering the ground. If they walk well,

they've got a chance of galloping well.
"A nice broad head, lovely short cannon bones - from the knee down to the fetlock joint - and although he's a bit open on the far knee, meaning that you could get your fingers between the bones there, that's

probably immaturity." A corroborative glance at the catalogue confirms that instinct and pedigree have har-monised. He ticks off the plus points: by the sprinter Ballad Rock, out of a Be My Native mare who is a half-sister to Balla Cove, winner of the 1989

Middle Park Stakes. In the sales ring, the bidding for lot 399 - a chestnut son of



Auction man: 'There's an art to this. You don't want to bid early and drop out - you'll get a reputation as a time-waster

Kris who also caught Berry's fancy-starts at 10,000gns. The trainer voices his value threshold: "15-16,000gns normally, but the market is bananas." Burgeoning to 19,000gns

within thirty seconds, lot 399 is finally knocked down for 31,000, without Berry motion-Almost miraculously, the

prophesised bargain then ma-terialises. Lot 404 almost goes for a song, despite the fever pitch of interest he had gener-ated outside. Berry eventually plan. Berry is to perform the ac-tual bidding, in view of Anto-

raises his hand, to the acknowledgement of the auctioneer - That's 17,500 from a good judge" - before clinching matters at 18,500gas. He'll send the colt to Hanson, hop-

ing he won't mind the 1,500gns

The Deuters' choice, lot 416, swaggers in, her serene temperament tested by the rush of interest she creates. Berry and the Deuters remain studiedly aloof, turning talk to the game

nia, who is to hold her blue pen vertically as long as they wish to continue.

Seated in the shadow of the pivotal pen, Berry explained: There's an art to this. You don't want to always bid early and then drop out - you'll get a reputation as a time-waster, "Equally, you doo't keep hanging oo as if you've got no

price up, especially the ven-Again, Berry entered the fray as the auctioneer was kick-

opened at 10,000gns; by 4:09pm the price board showed 38,000. A duel rapidly developed etween Berry and the mighty

ing over the ashes: "Are you all

done?" At 4:08pm, bidding had

Cheveley Park Stud. At 68,000gns, Berry asked, unbe-lievingly: "Is the blue peo still up?" A starboard glance reveals the Deuters, now breaking into unexpected financial territory. limit, as people will push the mid-earnest discussion, and the blue pen-wobbly, but distinctly upright - in Antonia's hand.

Another bidding exchange his coat.

"Are you sure the pen is still up?" - and at 88,000gns Berry finally prevails. Champagne and congratulations transform the whole ordeal into scraps of an after-dinner tale chez Deuters: "How many Just one

mores' did we have?"

Berry briefly joins the celebrarions before returning to work; there are fresh yearlings oo show and a certain son of Puissance to evaluate. The lots keep on coming as day slides into chilly twilight: Berry grabs

Esteem heads for stud

Mark of Esteem, one of the outstanding milers of recent years, was yesterday retired from racing. He will stand at the Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket. His owners, Godolphin, made the decision in the wake of the 2,000 Guineas winner's disappointing showing in the Breeders' Cup

Mile in Canada on Saturday. "I hope he will be remem-bered for his victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, one of the highlights of the season."

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Blaze Away (Cheltenham 2.15) NB: Keep It Zipped (Fontwell 3.15)

Godolphin's racing manager, Simon Crisford, said.

Godolphin's lead in the race for the trainers' title was only marginally reduced yesterday. Henry Cecil's Kyle Rhea carned £1,360 when finishing second to Musalsal in the Hoby Maiden Stakes at Nottingham. But his Divine Quest was an unplaced favourite in Redear's finale.

The spread-butting company City Index yesterday an-nounced that it is withdrawing from its proposed takeover of its rival Sporting Index.

Decorated Hero completed a four-timer in the Prix Phil Drake at Evry yesterday. John Gosden's gelding was a 3-10 shot and won by a neck from Serviable with Verzen, trained by David Loder, finishing third.



1.40 Colibate 2.15 Blaze Awar

3.25 Canton Venture 4.00 Wise Approach . 4.30 Tidal Force

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

Leth-hand, galloping course with still senses. Upfull immer of 240yd.

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Course is one mile north of town off A436. Bun link from Cheltenhat

todayd. Strictechung and Louding. Taddington) 2m. A3MINESSON; C

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNINERS: N Twiston-Davies - 30 winners from 203 rate, nery gives a success rate of 14.5% and a loss to a \$1.1 red stake of 425.97; M Pape - 25 winners, 11.7%, \$74.65; E Bashey - 18 winners, 20 runners, 20.1%, \$13.77; N Headerson - 12 winners, 110 runners, 10.9%, \$45.42;

ELEADING JOCASTS: R Duraswoody - 35 winners, 189 rides, 19%, \$57.80; A Magnire - 33 winners, 180 rides, 18.3%, \$460.17; N Williamsons - 20 winners, 85 rides, 24.1%, \$539.03; J Osborne - 18 winners, 148 rides, 13%, \$270.81.

BLINKERED PIRST TREE: Leidy Folcy (4.30), WINNERS IN LAST STREEN DATE: Norse.

LONG DISTANCE EUNINERS: De Jordann (4.00) has been sent 213 miles by W Curpingham from Huston Engley, North Yodoshure. III LEADING TRAI

1.10 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB THE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £2,787 | 1.111 | MALASH (1954) (196) (1964) | Malash (1954) | Malash

BETTING: 2-9 Knillesk, 10-1 Doolge, 12-1 Shearon Lnd, Buritan Stade, 16-1 76 Sonn Up, 25-1 Chan The Man

KARLASH has proved a real money-spiner ance being bought out of a field in America. Unibeaten in four runs in NH Flat reces, he took his score to the when melding a whining debut
over hundles at Newton Abbot 1.6 days ago. Founder-up Blaze Of Oak dithn't do a lot for the
form at Stratford next time, but Kallash ran out such a hidculously says whene and has found
monther softish contain. Shawmen Led come the closest he has so far which stoyler or
lourch behind Blanchland over two miles at Utowers at the and of May. A heat-puller to
date, he really needs a longer tray yet may still chase home Kellash for the forecast. If his
pumper within Design hearn't been out since failing at the final Right when a tred third at
Dester more than a year ago. She was well bedeed that day and is still young enough to
make the grade, though the libely this race we will be needed.

Selection: KARLASH

1.40 LLOYDS BOWMAKER NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m Pensity Value £3,701 SUG-211 CELERITE (24) (2) (Stanford Bidge Performing) C Morn 5 11 1

2022-11 JATHER (CAN) (LS) (Coun Pig & Making Sur Lich Max M Jones 5 11 11.....

FORM DENOE a great deal between them over hundes and Celluste has impressed with his jumping when virining at Wernester and Vernpton, both over two miles. It's impossible to know just how good he might be. Justilb has been no less impressive in defeating Stong Promise, himself. on easy winner at Huntington and again here yesterday, at Market Pasen (2m1) and folder and it may be true this minimum trip is more in Celliston's factor, but he also has planty of pose and is nearowly preferred. Lowerwiths is consing to hand and ran his best race of the season when week to post pack the front-number limit helyest at the Hamiltogian on the same day as justice won. Stronger opposition apart, this is a much tougher course and he

2.15 TRM EMANUEL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 8) £7,000 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £4,834

3101P1- BLAZE ANNAT (ISA) (1953) (Part Mellon) (Briding S 11 10... 3/1FTR- PERISWOOD (258) (D) (Peter Topin) M Charmon S 11 8..... 615255- TUG OF PEME (257) (P Richardon) 9 Batting S 11 8..... A Thomas 2031-11 PREDOE MEN (27) 9As C Treatm-Delay N Testur-Deser 5 11 7 2 White (1) 12111 COURSARE (14) (Referred Green Fire Paintings N P. 94 11 2 A P Men Coy - 9 decigrad -BETTHE: 5-4 Blaze Away, 6-4 Courbert, 5-2 Fracisio Minck, 12-1 Trig Of Peace, 14-1 Peatswood

PORM CLEDE:

***BLAZE AWAY ended a highly successful first season over hundles with a seven-length defisit of previous withing Microwaki and a decent field of novices over two and a highly mice as Ascot in April. Although disappointing in the Ceitarewitch recently, he had been shaping up nicely under big weights in stayers' handlespe on the Part and may well carry on where he lieft off last season. This fast ground is his professed surface. Frieddle Markst Raser. Unfortuned after 3.0 months off to record improvement was at Carlide and Markst Raser. Unfortuned a transfer on the last in a stone, but his is unneithy, it regent escaped the renercopper's waterbon and mis is up a some, but he is not-ning so well, and on ground he loves, that he is some to go close to extending his warning ren. Courberti has been making hey while the sun shines in easy races at Plumpton, Exter (butco) and Wincenton. He is signing tit, which the changes Peathweed and Tag Of Peace are most unifiedy to be, yet whether any of that form is within 8th of Blaze Assay's decisive Ascot win remains to be seen.

Like his half-brothers Rum And Skip and Skipping Tim, MONY-SkiP has taken a while to get it together over fonces, it was only towards the and of lest season that the seven-year-old began to show anything worthwhile, following a second at Ascot by beating Spangelius at Towcoster, and he's started this form on the right note with a deckine win at Wettlerby 8 fortnight ago. The chances are there is still plently of interherment in him. Cape Constances was not good for a bunch of eating pletters over this top of Phirmpon recently. On the believe that the time that the form that has a transfer over the top of Cape Chances whether in home

found one too good the time. Point-to-point form is all the other four have to offer and La Measurey, who at least completed the course when Kindly Lady and Vareck II were pulled up in Strong Point's race at Newton Abbot, may be the pick. Selection: MONY-SKIP 3.25 NEVILLE RUSSELL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £2,866

55-5 RRSH WILDOARD (NC) (1300) Pries Countey H (Neer 8 11 0 22 CHATCH VERTILATE (JAR) ONE; (Dr. Frank 8 6 Chaol 5 Hoods 4 10 13 ... PERTSHILLE Priest Tailing M Charrons 4 10 13 ... PERTSHILLE Priest Tailing M Charrons 4 10 13 ... SQC-FF MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P Briest M Portriest 7 10 9 ... SQC-FF MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P Briest M Portriest 7 10 9 ... SQC-FF MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P Briest M Portriest 7 10 9 ... SQC-FF MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P Briest M P Briest M P MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P Briest M P BRIEST M P MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P BRIEST M P BRIEST M P MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P BRIEST M P BRIEST M P MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P BRIEST M P BRIEST M P MARCHE LORINA, (4) (IT P BRIEST M P

Minimum scient 10st. Two handsop weight Channel Pattine Set Sth.

ETITING: 11-6 Wise Approach, 6-6 Philip's Woody, 6-1 be Jordson, 8-1 Wee's To Say, 12-1 Channel Pattine Set Set.

2.40 STREBEL HANDICAP HURDLE SERIES FI-NAL (CLASS B) £10,000 2m 6f 110 yds

- 8 declared -htminum weight: 10st. True handeng weight: Roger's Per Set 3b. BETTING: 9-4 Victor Breso, 7-2 Sophie May, 5-1 Mr Sangije, Kala 6-1 Karter, 8-1 Mondail, 12-1 others

- 5 declared - SETTING: 11-8 Caction Venture, 7-2 Irish Wildowd, 4-1 Fich, 7-1 Austin Loren, Pantsville

FORM CUIDE.

The front-numing CANTON VENTURE got a mid-and-a-half well on the Flat and this step up in distance for his third run over hurdles should meet, with his approval. Though not yet fluerar as he could be at his hurdles, Canton Venture his given two promising accounts of families and only moderate opposition here. Intia Wildcard showed signs of ability on only his second with only moderate opposition here. Intia Wildcard showed signs of ability on only his second start when afth behand Country Star at Uttowater in April and may be the one for the forecast now he steps up in distance.

Selection: CANTON VENTURE

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newed chadlenge over three miles at Humangdon leat month, but 24 hours later he just misset out in a driving finish to PRILIP'S WIDODY over this trip at Worcester, American-indicen the out in a chang finish to PRILIP'S WDDDY over this trip at Worcester'. Americal-indden that tay, Wise Approach now has Cornor D'Duyer back on board and is 5th better in. It's likely to be close between them again, but Philip's Woody should be better for that first cuting of the assess and this suffer track might also be more to his Burg as he seems ready for a step up in distance. De Jordinan has won all his reces on left-hand courses, mostly in the early part of the seeson, and is well suited by the prevailing fest ground. He ran Toogood To Be True to a length over this trip at Wetherby last October and a third behand General Command and Yilse Approach's stablemate Clemat in their same race a formight ago with have set him up nicely for this. With 60 many things in his tayour, plus Adnen Magaine in the sadde, his a worth saving on. Who's To Say blundered away 8 good chance at Carmel in August and was already held when making a mistake at the final fence behand Aedean at Formvell last time. He hee yet to regain his decent lash form but has 8 better chance than Changel Pastime, 1.21b worse in for just holding the late run of Philip's Woody at Ludlow in April and 8 long way behand ham at Worcester last time.

Selection: PHILIP'S WOODY long way behind him at Worcester last time. Selection: PHILIP'S WOODY

4.30 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £1,604 COUNTRYMAN Showing Parkers J Edwards 5 11 4...

STECKWITHITHEHAND INFO J Selection Mis J Sidebottom 5 11.4... _D) Keymagh (5 ____X Akepwe (7) WILLOWS ROULETTE Mass Joyne Bracel A Hobbs 4 11 3.... 50 LADY FOLEY (118) (Foley Steelstook) C Mann 4 10 12......

- o necessaria BETTHRE: 7-4 Tidal Farca, 2-1 Countryntan, 4-1 Lune, 5-1 Lidy Foley, 16-1 Willows Rouletta, But fords For Scrap, 25-1 Stickniththehmad, 33-1 Derring folgist

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The Strong Gale newcomer TIDAL FORCE appears best, chiefly because Philip Hobbs ha The Strang Gale newcomer TIDAL FORCE appears best, chiefly because Philip Hobbs has such a good record in these events and this one should not take much waning. One of new trainer Andy Hobbs's (no relation) three winners was Never in Debt in a 19-runner NH Rist race at Wordster last morth. Owen Burrows was on Hobbs's recent Huntingdon wanner Tiger Claw and now rides Williams Resistite. Any money for the High Season golding would soon show whether he is in the Newer in Debt league. John Edwards can usually be relied upon to have a fancied candidate in these burrow races. His Herbit golding Countryman is out of a Strong Gale mare and a pedigree like that suggests he should have the adding. Lumo's third to hallesh at Wanvick in May was a fair effort and gives him fair prospects in this company, though the blinkers Lady Poley wears for the first time could make her a bigger danerr. There was neared of conditioner in their II Huntineston first time out and she wann't displaced. ger, There was pienty of confidence in her at Huntingdon first time out and she wasn't diagrace in a big field at Bangor lost time.

£171.20. CSF: £26.30. The: £144.70 (pool of £144.77 to Yarmouth 4.10 today). Jackpot: £2,629.50. Pleacept: £34.50. Quadpot: £15.10. Pleace S: £61.04. Pleace S: £40.13.

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2.40: 1, THATCHED (K Steel 8-1; 2. Coo-

YARMOUTH HYPERION 1_20 Gross Taik 1_55 FLORID (nap) 2_30 Fine Times 3_05 Shawm 3_40 Michael Venture 4.10 Bentico (nb) GOING: Good.

STALLS: Straight course - far side, found course - inside, exceps Inside (stands side). DEAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand course, level and fair.

Course is north of form on Al 48. Yarmonth station one mile awy. ADMINSSON: Cub \$13; Tattermits \$2.50; Ramily and course enclosure \$4.50 (OAPs \$3.50). CAR PARK: Cub \$1. BLINERICH PIEST THES: None. LONG-DISTANCE WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN BATS: None. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS Manhatten Diamond (2.50) & Bvecos. (4.10) have been sen. 221 miles by A Bulky from Liule Budworth, Chapters. 1.20 NEWPORT CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 6f

1.55 CORTON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) 57,650 added 1m 2f

27 decidents - 7 decidents littlesite, 6-1 biles lini-tingles, 52-1 Runs, 19-1 Standy Runsly Co

2.30 LOUND NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) EA,200 added 2YO Sf 43yds 1 C1052 STYMENT (USB) (20) 57 4 3 yels

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5 C5001 ARMAIL (22) (13) 1 Pairce 8 11 INFINITY (13) 1 Western 7

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WATER A Chark 14 2 Demoney, 5-1 Happy Valent legs, Selford Led, 12-1 others 3.40 RANWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 270 1m EA,750 added 2/O 1/O
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O WE THE GRA L LLOH-Johns 9 0 4.10 CALIFORNIA HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 7f

3.05 HERRINGFLEET MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 7f 1.30 Sleeptite 2.05 The Lancer 2.40 Victor Bra-Bachanan 4.20 Snowy Petrel GOING GOOD.

Left-band hardle course, Signre-of-eight chane course. Tight circuit, not soliable for long-striding houses.

Rencecourse is south of village at Junction of A2O and A27. Barrham railway station (Brighton - Postanouth line) is 2 miles away.

ADMINISTRACE: Cath 5.13. Junior Cath (12 to 15-year-olds) \$2, under 12s free; Tattermils \$20 (accompanied under-16s free); Silver der 10s free, Tantersulls Ed (accompanied under 16s free Bing 55. CAR PARK: Picnic area E4 plus E5 for each or complicate free

BLINERERD FIRST TIME: Regime Song (1.20); Clounttin Ledy (2.15); Solm: Warrior (4.20).
WINGERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG-RETARICE EXPRESS: Lawrenter (4.20) has been sent 175 miles by bits R Benderson from Folly Gase, Devus; Bendington Sam (1.30) à Tracey Trooper (4.20) have been sent 169 miles by A G 1.30 FONTWELL PARK ANNUAL MEMBERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m 2f 110yds | STUMAN | SELECTION | STUMENT | STU Maintenn bright: 10st. Fine hardings verifier Regions Song Set Sch.

BETTING: 5-4 Shapelin, 7-1 Credit Chalcoller, 10-1 Actignom Ryor, Budleg-ton Sons, Milety, Shapel Redit, Docks Dock, 10-1 Actignom Ryor, Budleg-ton Sons, Milety, Shape Theffi, Docks Dock, 14-1 others 2.05 DEREK WIGAN MEMORIAL NOVICE HAND-ICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 2m 2f 5P-3F23 RYTON RUR (12) Ms 5 Coles 11 12 0 B Fentes (PRF42 - SUALAR BILL (2009) | Galloni 5 11 13 P Hale P05562 THE LANCER (13) D Gandado 7 11 12 D Forti (3)

3.15 ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHELD NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 8 GREY GORDEN R Curbs 8 30 12 D Morris
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8 P 322-2 MORRIS MEXICAL PROPER S 10 12 J A Projume 8
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6 65443-4 Medict M A Mellum (24) 5 Woodman 5 10 10 ... R Johnson 8
7 50058-7 TOP Mess (44) A Newser 7 10 9... W Constants (7) 9
8 PET/00 JACKSONS BAY (5) T Casiy 5 10 9... G Negas (3) 10 POL479. SOLAR WARROW, (159) J Proximity 6 5 11 8... J Castoms 10 POL479. LESS 05 News (37) Medic 1 Level 5 10 4 ... D Levely 11 30 SPRING GALE (27) 9 SPRING CO 15 11 8... J Castoms 11 500329- PRESCRIS WONDER (222) P Batter 7 10 1 12 POS-52 LARRESTER (44) Med R Harchen 4 11 5 ... D Setter (5) 8 15 COS239- SPRING S 15 Setter 5 11 1 ... A Diction 12 COSP54- WEHTWIRLS WAY (242) A Medic 5 10 D ... B Powel 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 1 ... A Diction 15 D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice 5 11 D D TRACEY TROOPER (252) A Notice

| 3.50 | FORD AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,800 added 2m 3f | 351136 | NAMETAR (LD) (by P Hobb 8 120 _______ Hr S Indicate (7) | 521-UP2 | HERBERT BUCRAWAN (20) (CD) P Mctols 8 11 9 ______ - 7 declared -Heriman weight: 10st. Rue in top weight: Richu Set 11th, Ernistemon Set 2th, BETTENE-4-5 Herbert Burthane, 3-1 Russiber, 7-1 Richu, 8-1 Minster Com-edy, 12-1 Ross King, Dernington, 25-1 Emissiperon 4.20 MIDDLETON MADEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m of 110yds

1.05: 1. STYLE DANCER (K Fallon) 6-1; 2. Millon's Double 3-1 forç 3. William's Well 11-2. 11. ran. 11-4, 1-4. (R Whitsker). Toto: £7.90; £2.10, £1.90, £2.40, £7.68.00. SSF-£5.26. Threast: £1.00.68. froz £1.09.40. 1.35: 1. ONCE MONE FOR LUCK (A Cultare) 5-4 fav; 2. Lold 7-4; 3. McCillycuddy Reeley. Toto: £2.40; £2.10, £1.00, £2.50. DF: £1.50, CSF: £4.35. Tric: £1.80. NRs. Etoile du Nord & Lady Ploy.

2.10: 1. SOUTH SEA BUBBLE (K Oafley) 5-2 fay; 2. Kallon 14-1; 3. Master Millifield 11-1; 11 ran. £1/c. 1-4. (Lumen), Toto: £3.30; £2.60, £3.70; £8.80. DF: £53.80. CSF: £37.47. Tric: £167.80. NR: Rumpel siligator. 22.57.
4.00; 1. COOME HEL (MrT Denne) 11.8 to; 2. Ambrelot 9-4; 3. Childhey Chocoleta 3-1.6 ran. 7, 15, (W Denne), Tota: 22.30; 51.30; 52.40, DF: 52.00, CSF: 54.83.
4.30: 1. DOCTOR GREEN (A P McCoy) 2-5 for; 2. Sun Bowdon 8-1; 3. Yozza 7-1. S ran. 12, 15, (M Pipe), Tota: 51.50; 51.30, 51.20, 51.10, DF: 53.60, CSP: 54.83. 2.40: 1, THARDHED IN SHEET 6-1; 2. LHB-189-My 5-1; 3. Diapol Goes 10-1; 4. Pc's Cruiser 12-1. 18 ram. 4-1 tay Shedow Cast-ing, Ind. 1, IR Bert). Total: 27.70; 51.70, 51.70, 62.00, 53.10. Df: 522-50, CSF: 550.46. Thoast: £408.06. That £126.40. NR: Place 8: £3.68. Place 5: £2.80. Northern Fan. 3.10: 1. MORNING STAR () Weaven 5-2 LEICESTER 1.00: 1. TRIPLE NAY (Dane O'Neil) 1-2 fav; 2. Cauton Ron 10-1; 3. Alvanya Alight 33-1. 30 ran. 13, 1½, IR Harmon). Tete: 61.50; 61.30, 61.50, 539.10. DF; 64.20, CSP; 69.02. Tric. 539.90, Non Runners: Mon 3.10: 1. NORMAINS STAR () Wenter 5-2 (or; 2. Wysmoth Inn 10-1; 3. Enchantics 3-1.8 ram, 1%, %. (M Johnson). Tota: £3.60; £1.10. £3.70, £1.20. Df: £56.20. SF: £27.93. Thic. £50.30. NF. Archelo. 3.45: 1. SQUEAK (G Hind) 11-8: 2. Cyberhachaptagy 6-5 fay: 3. Kndeems 9-2. 4 ram. 2, 1%, [] Goodeni. Tota: £2.20. Df: £1.50. CSF: £3.44.
4.18: 1. PHARMSACY (M Birch) 9-1: 2. Best Of All 7-1; 3. Quilling 8-1: 4. Saint Express 20-1. 18 ram. 2-1 fay Dairie Quest. Md. 1. [] W Watts). Tota: £10.40; £2.20, £2.50. £2.00, £6.00. Df: £63.90. CSF: £82.89. Thesea: £555.98. Total: £190.30. Bruce & V I P Charte. 1.30; 1. MURALSAL (M Hills) 3-1 it fav. 2. Nyle Rhen 7-2; 3. Leading Note 9-1, 16 2. Nyle Rhen 7-2; S. Landing Note 9-1, 16 ran, 3-1, t far Salbs, 2½, 1, (8 Hills), Tetas: \$3.70; \$2.40, \$2.30, \$3.10, DF: \$5.00, CSF: £15.78, The: £21.40, NR: Durston Gold, 2.00; L. POWER GAME (M Hels 5-1; 2, Yeoman Oliver 9-2; S. Salday 50-1, 16 ran, 7-2 ft free Naidrius & Whispering Devn (Brh), ½, nft, U Bernyl: Totas: £6,00; £2.20, £2.30, £24.10; DF: £12.90, CSF: £29.26, The: £24.20, DR: Extractive Cast: £535.98. 7no: £190.30 124.10. Dr. 12.290, (25): 129.20. Inc. (241.20, Nr. Far Lady, 2.30: 1. PROSPERO J. Redd 3-1 R fey. 2. Full Tarottie 4-1; 3. Cellida Star 7-2. 8 ma., 3-1 k fey Lagdin Afooz, 6, ½, 46 Harweed, Totas 12.20; 11.20, £1.40, £2.00. Dr. Fe et al. 22. Weed, Tota: \$3.20; £1.20, £1.40, £2.00.
DF: E8.40, CSF: £14.23.
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RUGBY LEAGUE: Injury worries increase for depleted Lions. Dave Hadfield in Christchurch reports

Farrell determined to end on a high

ing up left to do, he would certainly have done it on this

Farrell's life is already one of precocious maturity. Virtually the finished product as a player from his early teens he became both a father and a Wigan first-been a breeze. It's suited me in teamer at 16. At 21 he's the a way, because I've been able to youngest captain ever to take Great Britain on tour - and not

just any tour, either. In one sense it's been easy," said Farrell, to whom the formal side of the job, the speeches and receptions, might have held more fears than the rugby which has been second nature to him

Like the rest of the Lions' party, Farrell has with him a blazer, shirt, tie and flannels that have not yet been worn. There have been no speeches, no receptions.

concentrate on the rugby."

'Doubtful' Goulding adds to problems

Great Britain could be forced to school sports day, and Larder detion of their dwindling orchestra if Bohhie Goulding fails to recover from an ankle injury for

vesterday and was described as "very doubtful" by the Great Britain coach, Phil Larder, With no other specialist scrum-half in a squad depleted by the decision to send 11 players home last week, Larder is being forced to think of drafting in a replacement who is not even in the country.

Fortunately one of the players sent home. Tulsen Tollen. has only got as far as his curents' home in Sydney and could be brought back in time for the Test. A decision will be made today on whether to do that.

The alternative is to move lestyn Harris into the No 7 shirt er been better placed financially. which he has worn on occasion for Warrington, Harris trained in

"I was expecting to have to do all sorts of things, but it's

Lack of interest in the oppo-sition at home and in New Zealand does have an effect, however. "Everyone out bere has been putting everything into this the only ones bothered," he said. "We are the ones who will take for as long as he can remember. all the stick and the only thing we

improvise in the scrum-half sec- clared himself pleased with his performance, hut like Tollett he is fundamentally a stand-off. With serious doubts also Friday's third Test here, writes
Dave Hadfield in Christchurch.

Alan Hunte and Anthony Sul-Goulding was unable to train livan, it is a bedraggled Lions party that is coming to the end of its southern hemisphere tour.

The Rugby Football League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, has laughed off suggestions that the game has serious financial problems. Last week the RFL hrought home early 11 players from the Great Britain tour as a cost-cutting measure and yesterday manager Phil Lowe revealed difficulties in paying the remaining players their weekly allowance. The tour is expected to make a loss of up to £500,000 hut Lindsay claimed that the game has nev-

"It is an absolute nonsense to suggest that the expected tour there on Friday and at least win our last match in New Zealand.

"We're desperate to do that. We've heen written off and criticised hack in England but we know we're better than that. The lads played really well in the first two Tests and they have deserved a lot better than they've got out here."

It would certainly be hard to fault Farrell's personal contribution, either on or off the field. His own form, even after 14 months continuous rugby in Britain, has been irreproachable and even at his age he has the knack of putting players around him at their ease.

Whatever has gone wrong on this tour, none of it is down to Faz," is the unanimous ver-

dict of his peers.
"I felt sorry for Faz," said the tour coach. Phil Larder. "He's a very v rung captain and he's deserve better. He doesn't show anger very much but he was absolutely devastated when he heard that 11 lads were going home and he wasn't going to be able to see them."

Farrell has taken the role as the social catalyst for the tour very seriously. "You don't get to know players from together clubs during our domestic season, hut on tour you strike up very strong friendships," he said. "A tremendous bond huilds

them away from you it's like a kick in the guts. Farrell's joh now is to get his team over that blow and the others dealt out by defeats in the

first two Tests.

up and when they take 11 of

The cruellest irony will he if Farrell, the man who has had so much to do with holding it all together, had to sit out this last chance of salvaging anything. A side strain that has also restricted the movement in his leg has kept him from training so far this week, but Farrell is determined to he there at Lancaster



His mood is that he must play, come what may. After that he can go home secure in the knowledge that he has done a difficult job, one not made easier by ontside pressures, to the very best of his ability.

Everyone knew that Farrell jokingly, about wanting to sign could play like a man born to the job; he has also proved a distinguished leader, albeit in a

Some of it is in the blood. He comes from one of Wigan's famous rugby league families; his wife, Colleen, from another - the O'Loughlin's Their son, Owen,

There is little time to lose. If he follows in his dad's rapid

anything that the game can throw at him in a decade or

The Great Britain Academy side, also touring New Zealand, beat Canterbury 44-14 in the last is just five and both Wigan and St Helens are talking, only half match before their third Test against the Junior Kiwis. Damiin Munroe scored three tries and Matthew Salter two in a stormy match that saw four British play-

Eales' young Wallabies know no bounds

Chris Hewett previews the Australian ** rugby union team's tour of Britain

John Eales, their captain, is so meek and mild that whenever he shouts a line-out code to his fellow forwards, he finishes by asking: "Is that okay with you guys?" It takes something particularly sharp and pointed to get under the skin of the great Queensland lock but England, world class irritants when it suits them, managed the feat with

consummate ease. In denying the 1996 Walla-hies, who begin their three-Test tour of Britain against Scotland A in Galashiels this afternoon, a shot at a Grand Slam to go with the one Andrew Slack and Mark Ella achieved 12 years ago, the English have riled the visitors so comprehensively that Douglas Jardine would have been hard pushed to come up with anything better. The Rug-by Football Union deemed that a full international at Twicken-ham to dovetail with those in Edinhurgh, Dublin and Cardiff was far too difficult to organise over a time scale of three months. The Wallahies are scheduled to play at HQ against the Barbarians, but the match could scarcely be more ill-conceived given the fact that the 7 December date collides with a full programme of league matches through the Home

Nations. So it will have to be a Celtic Slam instead and Greg Smith, a 46-year-old former English teacher who took over as national coach when Bob Dwyer was shown the door shortly after last year's flawed World Cup campaign, is of the opinion that his new-look side are equipped to go through nn-

Smith is one of those Aussies who, despite his literary leanings, calls a spade a shovel. Faced with an injury list that denied him the immediate services of a raft of dependable top-level performers, he made great claims for untried young-sters like Ben Tuoe, David ing to be moulded.

Australians will tell you that Giffen and Richard Harry, pitched them into the deep end and even though they could only bring him a single Tri-Nations victory over South Africa in Sydney, stuck with them for

Both coach and captain emphasised that the Australians are mid-way through a rebuilding stage; despite the fact that they have a full season of hard Test activity behind them, they are still scratching around for players competent enough to take on the key roles vacated by Michael Lynagh, Phil Kearns and Willie Ofahengaue. The No 10 shirt worn with such distinction by Lynagh is taking an awful lot of filling. Smith's view that Pat Howard is "potentially the best outside half in the game" did not cut much ice back in the summer when the Queenslander was dropped from the Test side and then reinstated as a centre.

The Australians probably need this tour more than any in recent memory. The decision of some players to climb into bed with Kerry Packer, Ross Turnhull and their breakaway World Rugby Corporation venture last year caused such an upheaval and compromised so many friendships within the Australian rugby community that no one is even pretending that the squad is back on an even keel. Eales and Smith intend to use the trip as a means of huilding a new team spirit along the lines of that forged by Nick Farr-Jones and Dwyer in the late 1980s.

They have the perfect op-portunity. Leave aside a handful of old-stagers -Tim Horan, Jason Little and a certain David Ian Campese are included in the party - and you are left with a brand new outfit. Of the 26 men who represented Australia at the World Cup in South Africa, half failed to feature in this summer's international programme. Rather like Slack's party in 1984, these Wallabies are wait-

Leeds' new owners want Yorkshire to stay

consortium that made clear they hope one of their tenants at Headingley, Yorkshire County Cricket Club, will stay.

Paul Caddick, who played at lock forward for Headingley and Castleford rugby union clubs. heads the group that fought off a rival hid from Caspian, the owners of Leeds United.

The new regime at Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company is ready to pump cash into an ailing side. Runners-up in both League and Cup to Wigan just two years

bottom of the table in last sum mer's inaugural Super League. Gary Hetherington, the founder and chairman of the Sheffield Eagles, is the clubs' new chief executive and he is believed to have bought a sub-

stantial stake in the cluh. Hetherington, who will disose of his shareholding at Sheffield to take up his new fulltime role, stressed the positions of Dean Bell as coach and Hugh McGahan as team manager are not affected by the changes.

Leeds have been taken over by ago, they finished third from from New Zealand where he is issistant coach on Great Britain's South Seas tour, made it clear that money will be made available for team strengthening. "We will be assessing the strengths and weaknesses of all the departments and team management is one, but Dean and Hugh will be staying," said Hetherington, a for-

mer Leeds player. Hetherington or Caddick would not reveal the cost of the purchase but the Leeds club are believed to have debts of up to Hetherington, who flew back

Alf Davies, Hetherington's into a new £50m, custom-built other teoants. Leeds rugby said it was Caddick's decision to keep rugby league at Headingley that swayed the board of di-rectors. "We had a wonderful offer from Caspian, hut that would have meant moving to Elland Road," he said.

Caddick emphasised that cricket was vital to the future of Headingley and that he hoped to set up a meeting quickly with the Yorkshire president. Sir Lawrence Byford. Yorkshire recently announce plans to leave Headingley and move

The Wimhledon champion.

Richard Krajicek, was knocked

out of the Paris Open in the sec-

"Over the next three weeks we will be putting together a plan to secure the future of rugby league, rugby union and cricket at Headingley," Caddick

"In the past Yorkshire have been tenants getting very little financial benefit from the site. Perhaps a new arrangement can be made whereby they will gain more benefits. Conditions can be adjusted to suit them.* Caddick will also engineer closer links with the ground's

Painful defeat for Krajicek

enth seed's chances of a place in the eight-man ATP Tour

World Championship in Hanover next month. There

are three places still to be set-

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umon club, of which prominent member.

Sheffield Eagles confirmed yesterday they have apparent Phil Larder, the Great Britain sterday they have approached coach, to become their coach, 'We are looking to bring in a world-class coach and appoint a chief executive to take over the roles previously filled by Gary Hetherington," Terry Sharman, the Eagles president, said. The directors have invited Phil Larder to become the cluh's coach and he is considering his position."

to be demolished and replaced

by a new stadium on a nearby site

at next year's championships, will

not be lost to tennis altogether.

The grass surface has been

Hall steps up threat of European Court

Sir John Hall, the Newcastle trade and breach of hroadcastowner, yesterday vowed there would he no surrender as English Professional Rugby Union Clubs step up their threat to take the battle with the Rugby Foothall Union over television contracts to the European Court. Sir John has been negotiating with the RFU on behalf of Epruc, who represent the top 24 clubs in England, and is ready to use European Community law as a precedent in the row.

The RFU still believe they have the right to negotiate on behalf of the clubs, but Sir John believes Epruc should conduct their own deals. "The RFU have been trying to take away our rights as clubs and ahuse their monopoly power. We have the right to negotiate our own TV contracts. European law shows that they cannot restrain

our economic activities." The RFU president, John Richardson, responded: "Sir John is alleging restraint of

ing rights. But until the writs appear we won't know what is egally alleged. It depends on whether we have acted reasonably, and we think that we have."

Richardson is not scheduled to attend a proposed meeting tomorrow at which BSkyB TV have offered to mediate. Epruc have nominated Charles Levison, a lawyer who advises Queen's Park Rangers and Wasps, as their negotiator, but it is unclear who will act on behalf of the RFU.

Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, was involved in controversy of a different sort yesterday. when he granted West Hartlepool's request to postpone their Courage League game at Wasps scheduled for tonight. West said they cannot field the necessary five experienced front-row players, including replacements, but Wasps announced they will demand to be awarded the two league points.

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AN EMERGENCY meet-

ing of the MCC Committee was called today to discuss the case of Brigadier Albert E. Hatt, who was sminted in the long room during the recent match between the tourists and Middlesex.

He was fast asleep at the tima and, although badly shaken, the Brigadier (two matches for Cambridge in 1929: 0, 0, 0, 0, 3-0.54-0) recovered quickly. An MCC spokesman said: "It appears wa have a sminter in our midst. We don't have too much to go on - just a couple of small rectangular

hlue packs found in the bar.

It's happened once before when one of the Australian

dark blue of these mysterious packs that turned up in the bar; but so far I'm

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Will Carling will play at standoff for Harlequins tonight when the Courage League leaders travel to play Sale at Heywood Road, looking to maintain their 100 per cent record in the First

Carling had four games at half-back in the league and Europe before reverting to his normal position of centre when Harlequins lost to Brive in the Heineken Cup on Sunday.

In a much reshuffled back division, Gary Connolly also returns to centre. Jamie Williams. Harlequins' new wing, plays at full-hack, which allows a recall for Michael Corcoran on the ing. Nick Walshe is at scrum-

Jim Staples, Paul Challingr and Huw Harries are all rested. The only change in the pack is the recall of Rory Jenkins in the back row for Mick Watson.

Sale welcome back the former England scrum-half Dewi Morris, who has been out of action for a month after suffering cracked ribs in the match against Bristol. Simon Mannix is also expected to play, despite nursing the shoulder injury he suffered during Sale's European Conference match against Agen at the weekend.

John Mitchell, who suffered

not fit to face Leicester, Adrian Hadley has a damaged knee so Chris Yates moves to inside

In the pack, the Smith twins, Paul and Andrew, are back to-gether in the front row. Dave Baldwin has recovered from a cold so Dave Eskine moves out to cover for Mitchell in the back row. Rory Underwood returns on

the wing for Leicester, who have made a number of changes for their league match with London Irish at Welford Road.

Underwood, dropped for the first time by Leicester for the European Cup game against Pau last Saturday, is restored to the team with Steve Hackney rested. It is Hackney's first break from action after a run of 23 successive matches.

With Leicester in the middle of a hectic two games a week schedule, they are taking the opportunity to use all their squad

Leon Lloyd switches wings to allow Underwood to return, and Greg Austin comes in at centre in place of Stuart Potter. who suffered a leg injury during the win at Pau.

Among other changes, Aadel Kardooni replaces Austin Healey at scrum-half, Will Johnson comes in for John Wells at flanker, and Neil Fletcher replaces Matt Poole at

Richmond look to Natal

The Natal players Steve Atherton and Cabous van der Westhuizen have been linked with offers to play for Richmond.

Atherton, a lock who last played for South Africa in their Tri-Nations defeat by New Zealand in Cape Town in August, confirmed he had been approached by both Richmond and last season's champions Bath.

Van der Westhuizen, Natal's leading try-scorer of all time with 81, was believed to have attracted the interest of Richmond and as well as Harlequins.

Anger at offer

of TV refund

on Tyson fight

Plans by a satellite service to re-

fund a third of the \$49.95 (£32)

viewing fee to customers if Mike

Tyson's fight with Evander Holy-

field in Las Vegas on 9 Novem-

ber does not last three rounds

Commission. They will meet on

Friday to discuss the offer by Na-tional Programming Service.

"We don't mind people bet-ting how many rounds a fight will

go, but we don't want anybody

guaranteeing that if it doesn't go

so many rounds you get your money back," said Marc Ratner,

the director of the state athlet-

ic commission. "It's part of the sport of boxing where a fight can end in a first-round knockout or

The offer comes in the wake

of the Bruce Seldon's first-round

defeat by Mike Tyson, who has fought less than a total of eight

rounds in his four comeback fights. "The last fight was so con-

troversial in the way it ended that

we really need to see a good, long competitive bont," said Hugh

Panero, whose Request Televi-

sion distributes the pay-perview show to cable companies.

The American promoter

a New Jersey Court to "show cause" why WBC rules were

hroken in allowing a delay to Lennox Lewis' fight against Oliver McCall. The fight should have been staged within 90 days of King winning the purse hids on 26 September. The fight was

scheduled for 7. December but

it was put back at last week's

WBC convention in Buenos

Aires, when King was granted an extension to 26 January.

Don King and the World Boring Council president, Jose Sulaiman

go the entire 12 rounds."

have upset the Nevada Athletic

rugby union chief Louis Luvt of lacking sensitivity towards a failed black challenge for control of the Transvaal Rugby

"I am not happy and I know that many people are not hap-py," Tshwete said. "If we fail to reconcile the black and white African Rugby Football Union then rugby has no husiness

Tshwete was reacting to reports that Luyt had ridiculed black rugby official Brian van Rooven who made a failed bid to unseat him as president of the Tshwete, accused the country's TRU on Monday.



Chicago Bears' running back, Rashaan Salaam, is collared by Dewayne Washington, of the Minnesota Vikings, in Monday's NFL match. The Bears won 15-13 Photograph: AP

Rominger to bow out with a new team

Tony Rominger is to join the new Cofidis team as their leader. next year for his last season on the professional circuit.

The French team had already reached an agreement with the American Lance Armstrong, who revealed earlier this month that he had testicular and abdominal cancer, to be their No 1 rider.

Cofidis said they would still welcome Armstrong, currently undergoing treatment, if he were fit enough to join them but added they had to find somebody to replace him.

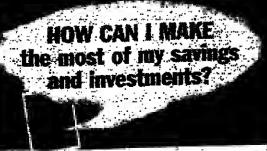
Rominger, a former world hour record won the Tour of Spain three times in a row from 1991 and 1993 and the Giro in 1995, was looking forward to a new challenge before retiring at the end of 1997. He rode for Mapei last year.

The 35-year-old from Switzerland proved he still had plenty to offer this year by takng third place in both the Vuelta and the time trial event at the World Championships.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of bets over £10

William Hill have taken on Rangers beating Ajex at Ibrox in the Champions' -League tonight. Nine people have placed bets of over £1,000 oo an Ajax victory. Rangers' odds of winning the European Cup are now 1,000-1:



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Swiss head for the sea and America's Cup Whitbread veteran Pierre Paul Cayard and would now do

A Swiss challenge for the 2000 America's Cup in New Zealand incorporating the leading French, Italian and German sailors was announced in Morges yesterday, despite the fact that Switzerland is a land-locked country, writes Stuart Alexander. Heading Fast 2000 will be the

Fehlmann and the skipper of the last three French challenges for the cup, Marc Pajot.

They will be joined by Germany's triple Olympic gold medallist, Jochen Schuemann, nominated as helmsman, and Italy's Enrico Chieffi, who completed the Il Moro di Venezia challenge in 1992 as tactician to

the same job for Schuemann. To meet the terms of entry which require challenging clubs

to be based on an arm of the sea and be able to set race courses oo the ocean, the Club Nantique de Morges, which is on Lake Geneva, will link np with an as yet unnamed partner club with "ocean" credentials.

American Football

The preparations of the England coach, laszlo Nemeth, for tonight's European Champtonahip semi-finel against Latvia in Leicester went ahead willout the 6it 9in Spancer Dunkley, who falled to join the team from his French club Limo-ges on Monday night and is believed to be in America.

to be in America.

Stave Nelson, the Worthing Bears player, is recovering from a cartilage operation knowing his immediate future is safe after wirning his case for breach of contract against his former club, Thames Valley Tigers. Reading County Court awarded the former England international in excess of £3,200 – plus legal costs – after a two-year battle with the Budwelser League club. Nelson underwent surgery on his knee this week and will be out of action for up to six weeks.

Boding

Roy Jones Jnr, generally regarded as the best pound-for-pound figher in the world, will meet Mike McCallum for World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title, which is soon to become vecent, in Tampa, Florida, on 22 November, Jones, 27, who has a 33-0 record with 29 knockouts, hes made five successful delences of his 168-pound super-middleweight crown since beating James Toney two years ago. He will be stepping up to the 175-pound class against the 39-year-old McCellum.

Cricket

Andrew Caddick, the England fast bowler, has put an end to speculation about his future by agreeing a new five-year contract with Somerset. Caddick, recalled for the winter tour to Zimbabwe and his native New Zesland after two Injury-troubled seasons, was already un-der contract at Taunton for another two

Australia are considering asking Indian cricket officials to drop New Delhi as 6-venue on future tours after complainvenue on future tours after complaining about the city's high pollution levels, The Australian newspaper reported yesterday. Several Australian players have suffered eye and respiratory problems while staying in the city during their current five week tour of India. The pollution in Delhi is such that we should give sprious consideration before coming back to play any more cricket here. Cam Battersby, the team manager and Australian Cricket Board director, said. TITAN CUP LIMITED-OVERS TRIANGULAR SERIES (Redict, India: India 125 (48.1 overs); South Africa 128 for 5 U Rivedes 54) (48.4 overs). South Africa won by the wickets.

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MONDAY'S LATE RESILTS: FA Carling
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ice hockey

Rugby Loague Joey Hayes and Tommy Martyn, the St Helens players, are to have operations, but both expect to be cleared in time for the start of the new season. Martyn will have a groin operation tomor-row and Hayes will undergo surgery next week after suffering knee cartilage trouble on Greet Britain's current tour

Rugby Union

Newport have strengthened their squad by signing a third overseas forward. Australian lock Paul Gannon joins Cana-dian prop Rod Snow and Czech Republic No 8 Jan Machacek at Rod-ney Parade, Gannon, a 23-year-old from Queensland, could make his debut against Bridgend on 9 November, but been understudy to the Wallaby less player, Ganrick Morgan of Queens est player, Gerrick Morgan of Queens-

Hennie Le Roux, the Transvaat stand-off, has been passed fit to tour Argentina, France and Wales with the Springbois in November and December. Le Roux badly bruised his leg during Saturday's Currie Cup final between Transvaal and Natal in Johannesburg and was thought likely to miss the tour after spending the rest of the weekend on crutches. Sub-sequent X-rays confirmed there had been no fracture and le Roux's recovery since no fracture and le Roux's recovery since

Alberto Tomba, injured while training on a glacker cortier this month, hinted yes-terday that he might continue skiing un-til 1999. CASTROL-HONDA WORLD CUP (Benglot) Group & Belgium bt looked 5-3. Group C: Crims bt Trailand 5-4; Sagapore bt Hong Rong 7-2. Group D: Australia bt the Natherlands 5-3.

Peterborough's Danish rider Anders Nielsen has undergone a five-hour op-eration on a badly broken right leg and-he faces a further spell in the operating eration on a badly broken right leg andhe faces a further spell in the operating
theatre after also shattering his left heat
in a high-speed crash at the East of Engtend Showground on Monday night. Hospirol officials are seeking expert advice
from a Cambridge team wino specialise
in pecing together heavily fragmented
heats before going ahead with a second major operation. The 22-year-old
bane will be out of action for at least
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Im Henman, the British No 1 who suf-fered a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 defeat to the Spaniard Carlos Moya in the first round of the Pans Open on Monday night, which warm up for the Australien Open by pile-ling in the Sydney International tourna-ment from 13 to 26 January. He has confirmed 13 to 26 January. He has confirmed his entry along with the de-fending champion, Todd Martin, Cros-tran Goran Ivanisevic, the Chilean Marcelo Rios and France's Amsud Bostsch, Guy Forget and Cedric Pioline. Jimmy Connors defeated Johan Kriek 5-3, 5-3 to win the singles title of the color, to win the singles tate of the Gallery Furniture Champions tourne-ment. The 44-year-old Connors, seed-ed second in the 12-men, over35 event, broke Kriek's serve twice in the first set and once in the second to take control. By winning the title, Connors also re-claimed the lead in the Nuveen Tour standings. Andres Gornez is second, while knek moved up to third place. The se-nior circuit returns to Tokyo next week for the second annual NTT Desc Chemfor the second annual NTI Date Cham-pions tournament.

GALLERY FURNITURE CHAMPIONS OVER-35 TOURNAMENT (Hopston, Texas): Semi-ficals: J Cornors (US) bt B Borg (Swe) 7-6 6-1; J Kriek (US) bt A Gornez (Edu) 7-6 6-3. Fisas: Cornors bt Wiek 6-3 6-3.

Milan set sights on **European mission**

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The Italian champions, Milan find themselves in the unusual position of having to play for Champions' League survival when they take on IFK Gothenburg in a Group D match today.

Half-way through the group stage, Milan have already lost two out of three, to Portugal's Porto and, a fortnight ago, to Gothenburg. They have only three points, the same as the Norwegian side Rosenborg and Gothenhurg but six behind Porto. Their problems have not been confined to the Champions' League. In Serie A they have lost three times, most recently 1-0 to Fiorentina on Sunday. Their Croat midfielder,

Zvonimir Boban, has no ilinsions about the do-or-die nature of Milan's task against Gothen-burg. "This is a match of a lifetime for us, we've got to win it in order to stay in the Champions' League," he said yesterday. The team's Liberian striker

Laudrup to

lead Rangers

against Ajax

Brian Laudrup will captain

Rangers in their European

Champions' League match

against Ajax in Glasgow tonight.

tions have been stripped to the

hone with defenders Scott Wil-

son, just 19, and 20-year-old

Greg Shields set to face Patrick

27-year-old Landrup said.

Snelders deputises again.

The Ajax manager, Louis

Van Gaal, also has selection wor-

ries, but Kluivert is back after Rangers. With Auxerre and

a draw, it depends on the game,

Walter Smith's selection op-

team's current problems are more mental than physical. "Last year we won games I-0 or held on for a 0-0 draw. This year, if we're in front, our op-ponents overhaul us and if we're drawing 0-0, like against Fiorentina, then we lose. It's a question of our minds, concentration. We've got to be more attentive and not be caught out," he said.

On the eve of the match, Milan lifted by news that their in-fluential midfielder, Demetrio Albertini, will be fit to play, His return partly compensates for the absence of key injured players like the Montenegrin Dejan Savicevic and their captain, Franco Baresi. Albertini returns to midfield alongside Boban with the Dutchman Edgar Davids on the left and with either Tomas Locatelli or Stefano Eranio on the right.

Milan will use their customary 4-4-2 formation with the attack being led by the Liberian George Weah and Marco Si-

George Weah helieves the mone, thus once again relegating Roberto Baggio to the subs Desailly replaces Baresi, dropping back from midfield to partner Alessandro Costacurta

Gothenburg come into the game on a high having picked up their fourth consecutive Swedish league title last weekend. Further good news for the Swedes came with confirmation this week that their 22year-old midfielder Jesper Blomqvist had signed a new contract with the club. Blomavist is one of the emerging talents of Swedish soccer and his name had been linked to a number of European sides.

He will prohably be part-nered by Niclas Alexandersson. Magnus Erlingmark and Stefan field. Andreas Andersson, the top scorer in the Swedish league with 19 goals, leads the attack along with the experienced former Ajax striker Stefan

Injury-hit Dortmund full of confidence

Borussia Dortmund, who are aiready virtually assured a place in the European Cup quarterfinals, will be severely below strength at home to Atletico Madrid tonight. Seven players are injured and cannot play, and two more, Jürgen Kohler and

Kluivert and company at Ibrox. Jörg Heinrich, are suspended. However, Dortmund's con-Laudrup will captain a club side for the first time in his illusfidence is high after winning in trious career as Rangers desper-ately strive for their first points Madrid two weeks ago and beating Arminia Bielefeld 5-0 in the Bundesliga on Saturday. in the competition, "It will be a Dortmund, who lead Group tremendous honour for me to captain Rangers and follow some B with the maximum nine points, will give the Norwegian of the great names like John Greig and Richard Gough," the Steinar Peddersen his Champions' League debut after losing

Smith has four top players suspended - Paul Gascoigne, their defeoder Martin Kree with a thigh muscle strain. Richard Gough and defenders This still leaves Ottmar Craig Moore and Alex Cleland Hitzfeld, the Dortmund trainer, - while Alan McLaren, Trevor with defensive problems. Kohler misses the match for receiving Steven, Stuart McCall, Gordon Durie, Gary Bollan, Ian Fergutwo yellow cards, while Matthias son and John Brown are all in-Sammer and the Austrian inined. Goalkeeper Andy Goram ternational Wolfgang Feiers also not fit, so Dutchman Theo

singer are among the injured. Atletico hope to have their playmaker Jose Luis Caminero fit again after a month. "We will do some tests in the Borussia decision." Radomir Antic, the Atletico coach, said.

Grasshopper Zurich meeting in Switzerland, Ajax need three Atletico have struggled in points to be sure of staying in Caminero's absence, although pole position for the last eight.
We have come to win but the Spanish champions ended a run of three defeats with a 1-0 victory away to Sporting Gijon on Saturday. "This victory probably I would be content with said Van Gaal, who still has doubts over Winston Bogarde, strengthened our morale, although we know we're going to have a hard time in Dortmund," Frank de Boer and Tijani Babangida. Dani, who scored twice Kiko Narvaez, the Atletico a fortnight ago, has been left out.

Antic restated his belief that his team were better than Dortmund, despite having lost 1-0 against the Germans and looking fragile in the Spanish

league. The defender Toni Munoz will have a late fitness test before the game because of a musele strain, but is expected to play. Antic brings back the Czech midfielder Radek Bejbl, who was dropped for Atletico's last league game, to replace the Argentine midfielder Diego Simeone, who is suspended. Four headed goals make Simeone Atletico's leading scorer in the Champions' League, and they may miss him badly.

In Group A, Grasshopper Zurich can all but secure a place in the quarter-finals with a victory over Auxerre. Ajax, Grasshopper and Auxerre all have six points, and Rangers none, with Ajax leading the roup on goal difference.

Playing at home, where they have only lost once this season, Grasshopper will be out to aveoge a 1-0 defeat by the French champions two weeks their last three league games in convincing fashion, scoring 13 goals in the process. Auxerre come into the match fresh from

a 7-0 thrashing of Lyon. Grasshopper may be without one of their top defenders, Murat Yakin, who aggravated a knee injury in Saturday's league game. They will also be missing Alain Geiger, Switzerland's most capped international, who has a groin injury.

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FA must avoid a moral crusade against Gascoigne

It used to be harmless japes - false breasts, belching, silly haircuts. Not that funny really, but not very threatening either. Then came darker tales, the hinges on food and alcohol, the mild paranoia, the occasional aggressive reaction to an over-

intrusive paparazzi. Still, the damage was largely self-inflicted and the latter incidents were understandable, even for a man who appeared to court publicity while feeling imprisoned by it. Now the tragicomedy of Paul Gascoigne has sunk to new depths. Or rather,

coigne beats his wife, as has been alleged -and not denied - is not new. He confessed to repeatedly doing so a couple of years ago when she was still Sheryl Kyle.

The latest revelation has prompted a chorus of voices calling for Gascoigne to be dropped from the England squad to be named on Friday for the game in Georgia next Saturday. Yet there was no such outcry the first time. Surely it is no less reprehensible to beat up a girlfriend than a wife.

The difference is in the timing. These allegations come

Despite the calls, England's coach should not make an example of his troubled midfielder, says Glenn Moore

abroad. Politicians are scramhling to be seen as good Christians while few hearts have not been touched by the Snowdrop appeal and Frances Lawrence's call for a new moral order. Dropping Gascoigne, goes the cry, would strengthen this movement by setting an example to violent men everywhere.

Yet it would be wrong for the Football Association to be drawn into a moral crusade. Gascoigne Mrs Gascoigne or the police take matters further the situation changes, but it is not the FA's

place to play judge and jury.

And would dropping him help anyone? Violent partners tend to take their lead from what they have observed of their own families in childhood, and from their social milieux, rather than from their heroes. Setting an example only works when rational behaviour is involved; prevent-

offence, let alone convicted. If ing partner-battering requires expert treatment of the individuals concerned not well-

> That Gascoigne himself needs help is self-evident and has been for years. But he also needs to play football - more so than most players. Being part of the Eng-iand squad, under the guidance of Glenn Hoddle, will be far more beneficial than sitting alone in his Scottish mansion

coigne has taken the first step in asking Beechy Colclough, a confidant to Paul Merson and Elton John among others, for help. Now Hoddle, and his peers, can help him find the strength to take things further.

If the England team is to be picked on morality why stop at Gascoigne? Friday's squad is likely to contain a convicted drunk-driver who may well be captain, a player in constant trouble with the football authorities who was accused of breaking a fellow professional's nose barely a week ago, another who once trashed a hotel room

on England duty, a recovering addict, and a number of alleged philanderers. Football reflects

Some believe it can also shape it but, even if that were true, it cannot do so alooc. We have a Government which has been embroiled in sleaze for years, a Royal family stained by adultery and a rock industry whose icons are drug-taking drunks. Even the church has suf-fered a series of high-profile scandals. How much influence can a game of football have in

that company?

If Hoddle drops Gascoigne



Gascoigne: Seeking help

should be because he be lieves his mental state is not right or because of his fading powers as a footballer, not because he is told to by the chat-

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Clark hopes Pearce can provide lift

Frank Clark is putting a brave them a platform to turn it face on Nottingham Forest's round." plight near the foot of the Premiership table. Their 1-0 defeat at home to Everton on Monday night took their run of league games without a win into

double figures. While Clark is finding Forest's slump as difficult to take as the cluh's increasingly frustrated fans, he is determined to maintain a positive outlook,

"It's hurting me being where we are," he said. "I'm not enjoying the job too much and I'm not sleeping too well. But you can't walk around with a long face when people are looking to you to give them a lead."

Clark said that there had been "a lot of soul-searching" among staff and players in the wake of Forest's 4-I defeat at West Ham in the Coca-Cola Cup last week, leading to a change of emphasis in training.

'Since then we've been trying to do more constructive work on the training field to give the players a helping hand," he said.

When I first came here I laid down a basic structure for the framework around which to perform. But with the team lacking confidence we are now hadly needed lift. Campbell. tying it down a hit. We're telling who scored a hat-trick in For-

Clark puts Forest's problems down to a combination of lost confidence and injuries to key players. "Confidence is a very clusive thing," he said, "We came here for our first home league game against Sunderland feeling full of ourselves after that marvellous performance at Coveniry. But we found ourselves 4-1 down at half-time and we don't seem to have recovered from that.

"We've also lost a couple of key players in Steve Stone and Kevin Campbell and the problem has been compounded hecause the two players who were obvious replacements for Stone. Steve Howe and Paul Mc-Gregor, have also been injured."

Clark is hoping that Stuart Pearce and Campbell will be fit to return for Saturday's trip to Aston Villa. Pearce has missed the last two games with a back strain while Campbell, who has been out for 10 matches, recovered from harnstring trouble only to suffer an ankle injury.

"We're quite optimistic that them to do this and that to give est's last league win at Coven-

try on the opening day of the season, could provide the fire-power that is missing from their attack, and Pearce is an inspi-

Meanwhile, Joe Royle admits his Everton side have not been firing on all cylinders despite three successive wins in the Premiership. Royle thinks Everton were below par against For-est and in the 2-1 home win over West Ham I6 days earlier.

"We haven't done hadly lately, with three wins and a draw in the last four games, but we've ground out results and I don't think we are anywhere near the finished product," he said. "We've only shown little flashes of what we can do and we can play an awful lot better."

completed a two-match sus-pension, is set to return for next Monday's home game with struggling Coventry. Ferguson's suspension and the absence of Paul Rideout

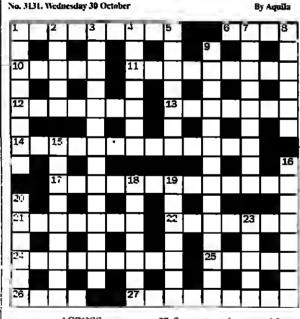
both 5ft 9in tall - to form a small but uimble strike pairing. But Royle said that Br. would be gradually eased into Premiership football. "He's an exceptional talent and he won't he overplayed," Royle said.

Duncan Ferguson, who has have paved the way for Michael Branch and Graham Stuart -"He'll be in and out for a while."

Jim Courier, of the United States, hits a volley against Arnaud Boetsch, of France, during their second-round match at the Paris Open yesterday. Boetsch beat the former world No 1, 6-4, 7-5

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THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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Ferguson mans the barricades

that, any moment, he would

crack into a grin and indeed, 10

minutes later, he had mellowed

and said: "We don't forget it but we don't dwell on it. There is a

difference. There is no gain for me to dwell on it, once I have had

my say on Saturday it is over.

Why leave it to Monday when

By now he was even slipping

in a joke or two. "Jock Stein said

to me 'sort it on Monday'. I tried

it once, hopeless. I'm in too good a mood - I can't ruin the image.

You have got to be able to as-

sess there and then rather than

wait to Monday. You could have

read the papers by then, been ex-

a manager once said to me: 'My

butcher thought you were offside on Saturday. I said: 'Did you

think I was offside?' He said: 'I

obviously we have tried to take

never saw it'. A hutcher?

you know on Saturday.

press suite vesterday. writes Glenn Moore. Suddenly there were 11 reasons to suspect that, contrary to expectations when the draw was made, Fenerbahce could heat Manchester United in the Champions' League tonight.
Their visitors certainly believe

they can. Fenerbahee do not have a very high opinion of Graeme Souness, not after he planted a Galatasaray flag in their pitch last season, and not after they deposed his team as Turkish champions. So they were encouraged that his new team, unheralded Southampton, had followed Newcastle's ouintet of goals with six of their own.
"When he was in Turkey

Souness didn't know anything about football," said Úvgun Bulent, one of the Fenerbahce players. "If his side can score six against United, then why can't we beat them on Wednesday?"

Are United in crisis? That was what the press wanted to know yesterday. After a few

lief to have the opportunity to get the show back on the road

after the last two games?" "Why are you talking about that, why do you think that should be on my agenda?" Fer-guson rapped back. "Tve got a ame tomorrow, we always look

forward to a European tie here." "Do you put it down as an aherration?" came another attempt. "I'm not discussing it. Why should I?" the United manager replied.

The press are nothing if not persistent so, a minute later, there was another try. "Alex, you've obviously dismissed the last few results. Do you think it will he preying on your players' minds at all or are they just as..."

"Let me stop you there right now, Ferguson interrupted. "I'm not discussing anything that has happened before. Right? You've heard me saying that twice. It is not on my agenda. You can talk about it - you'll do plenty of talking about it -I don't see why I should."

Phew. "Angry Fergie feels the

the words are deceptive. Ferguson does have genuine rages but a great opportunity. be is also good at staging them. Yesterday there was a feeling

over Gary Pallister and Nicky Butt. Pallister is very doubtful, Butt just doubtful. Ryan Giggs is already out. Fenerbahce have doubts over Donmark's Jes Hogh and Bulgaria's Emil Kostadinov.

is likely to change the com-Neville coming in, possibly in a five-man defence.

"Fenerbahce have to win it." Ferguson added. "It could be a

really good, open match." posed to other influences. I had "I have a big game coming so

The vultures gathered Alex Ferguson the first tentative strain*? It does not look too good the more positive side of it. I include the more positive side of it. I and it did not sound too good but the more positive side of it. I for it. It is a great night for them,

United have injury doubts

Ronnie Johnsen is set to replace Pallister in a flat back four with David Beckham and Jordi Cruyff flanking Butt and Roy Keane in midfield. However, if Butt is unfit Ferguson plexion of the team with Phil

The last time United had a really good, open match against a Turkish side at Old Trafford they were held to a 3-3 draw by Galatasaray and went out. A salutary experience but one which is unlikely to be repeated. United to win, and put

Everton secure £5.75m **Barmby**

CATHERINE RILEY

Middlesbrough's England international forward Nick Barm-by last night joined Everton for £5.75m. Liverpool and Leeds had also been linked with the 22year-old when Bryan Roison, the Middlesbrough marager, announced last week he was prepared to receive offers for the former Tottenham player.

Barmby made 49 appearances and scored 10 goals for the club, becoming Middlesbrough's leading scorer last season, aithough he has only one goal to his cred-

it in the current campaign, Irving Scholar, the, former chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, has joined the race to take over Nottingham Forest, Scholar is part of a three-man consortium bidding to huy the struggling Premiership club.

He has joined multi-millionaire Lawrie Lewis and businessman Phil Soar to table a £30m bid, and the consortium; plans to invest at least £10m integral the club straight away and raise the other £20m through a Stock Exchange flotation.

There are three other hidders video tycoon Grant Bovey, a local consortium and an Indonesian hillionaire - and Forest's shareholders will discuss the

Roy Keane has been recalled to the Republic of Ireland squad for their World Cup qualifying match against Iceland in Duhlin on 10 November. The 25-yearold midfielder has missed the Republic's last nine international games, and on his last appearance was sent off in the final minute of a 2-0 defeat by Rus-

sia in a friendly. The Danish striker Dan Petersen, a target of Blackburn's former manager, Ray Harford, could still go to Ewood Park after being offered a trial at the Premier League's bottom club. Meanwhile, Spanish side Seville have joined Rovers in the battle to sign Brazilian World Cup striker Bebeto from Flamengo.

Cyrille Regis, the 38-year-old Chester City striker, has taken the advice of a specialist and retired rather than risk aggravating a persistent calf injury.

The office of Arsère Wenger the Arsenal manage; was burnt down in a hlaze which wrecked part of the Premiership leaders training-ground headquarters near St Albans in He tfordshire. The fire is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault on a washing-machine it was not the best day for Don Mackay, the former Fulham, Blackburn and Coventry City manager, to arrive as Arsenal's new northern area scout.

Meanwhile, midf-elder David Hillier is still waiting to cut ties with Arsenal after n further delay in his proposed £300,000 lieved to be haggling over Arsenal's valuation of the player. More football, Ireland squad,

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